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13 Opposition parties urge EC to conduct J&K election

Peerzada Ashiq
SRINAGAR

National Conference (NC) president Farooq Abdullah met leaders of Opposition parties in New Delhi on Thursday and submitted a memorandum to the Election Commission (EC) to press for early Assembly election in Jammu and Kashmir.

"People of 13 parties met here and agreed that the Statehood of J&K should be restored. We all are together on the issue of why elections are not being held in J&K when the situation has normalised," Dr. Abdullah said.

The memorandum was signed by Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge, CPI(M) general secretary Sitaram Yechury and Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) chief Sharad Pawar.

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Neither side backing down, Parliament logjam runs on

Both Houses put together functioned for just five minutes and 45 seconds on Thursday as pandemonium breaks out over Rahul speech, Adani row; Opposition MPs form human chain

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Both Houses of Parliament put together functioned for a little over five minutes on Thursday, with the ruling BJP unrelenting in its demand for an apology from Congress leader Rahul Gandhi and the Opposition refusing to back down on the call for a joint parliamentary investigation into the Adani Group controversy.

While the BJP has been raising Mr. Gandhi's remarks that democracy is under attack, the Opposition parties are insistent that the government break its silence on the Adani issue. Several Opposition MPs organised a human chain on the Parliament premises.

One demand: Leaders of Opposition parties forming a human chain in protest outside Parliament on Thursday. ANI

The Lok Sabha worked for two minutes and 20 seconds in the pre-lunch sitting and 50 seconds in the post-lunch sitting. The Rajya Sabha functioned for one minute and 55 seconds in the morning and 40 seconds in the afternoon.

Pandemonium broke out in the Lok Sabha right from the moment the House convened for the day. MPs on both sides tried to outshout the other. Trinamool Congress MPs were already in the Well, accusing the Treasury benches of stalling Parliament for four days in a row.

Asking the MPs to return to their seats, Speaker Om Birla said: "I want to run the House, I want to give you enough opportunities and time to speak. You come to the Well and then go outside and say that you don't get a chance to speak. This is not right."

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Allow me to speak in House, says Rahul

NEW DELHI
Congress leader Rahul Gandhi said he had sought time from Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla to allow him to speak in Parliament to counter the allegations from Ministers. He said the Speaker heard him out but was non-committal on letting him speak. » PAGE 15

NEARBY

Uptick in COVID cases: Centre writes to State

BENGALURU
Concerned over the rise in COVID-19 cases in Karnataka, Union Health Secretary Rajesh Bhushan on Thursday wrote to the State to examine the situation at the micro level — districts and sub-districts.
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CM announces 15% salary hike for RTC staff

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The State government has agreed to hike the salary of the road transport corporation (RTC) employees by 15%.
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NEWS IN NUMBERS

The number of people who opted for a higher pension under EPS-95

1.2 In lakhs. In November last year, the Supreme Court asked the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation to give a four-month time to subscribers as well as pensioners to contribute their actual salaries towards EPS-95. PTI

Amount received by Indian NGOs in foreign funding in last 3 years

55,449 In ₹ crore. NGOs based in Delhi received the highest amount of foreign funding at ₹13,957 crore, followed by Tamil Nadu at ₹6,803 crore, according to Union Minister Nityanand Rai. PTI

Centre gets proposals for computerisation of PACS from States/UTs

54,752 proposals. The government is planning a centrally sponsored project for the computerisation of 63,000 Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS)/Large Area Multi-Purpose Societies. PTI

The CAPF personnel who committed suicide in three years

436 officers. Union Minister of State for Home Nityanand Rai said that a task force has been set up to identify risk factors, risk groups and to suggest measures for prevention of suicides in Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs). PTI

India's seafood exports to Ukraine in April-January 2022-23

1.36 In $ million. Due to the Russia-Ukraine war, shipments declined from $11.2 million in April-January 2021-22, Minister of State for Commerce and Industry Anupriya Patel said. PTI

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Seat of power: The President's Palace in Colombo, Sri Lanka. GETTY IMAGES

The all-powerful Sri Lankan Presidency

The island nation has debated the need to abolish executive presidency for decades now, with last year's crisis giving the issue renewed focus. However, Sri Lanka is yet to find a leader who is ready to renounce this power

WORLD INSIGHT

Meera Srinivasan

The main ask – and the most popular chant – of the 'Janatha Aragalaya' [people's struggle] witnessed in Sri Lanka last year was "Gota go home". Scores of angry citizens, who took to the streets to protest acute shortages of essentials and long power cuts, squarely blamed the country's most powerful leader for their misery. They deemed the former military man unfit to govern or occupy the country's top office, and ousted him dramatically.

At the same time, some who were part of the protest movement confronted another question. Will the mere ousting of a failed President do, if 'system change' is what the country needs? What if another leader in his place resorts to destructive policy choices, such as Mr. Gotabaya's overnight ban on agrochemicals in 2021, that continues to hurt farmers and the country's annual crop yield? An impulsive leader wasn't the only problem, they concluded. The office of the executive president, which bestows unchecked powers on one individual, was as much, if not more of a problem.

The Executive Presidency system came under focus, and the call to abolish it emerged loud and clear and dominated public discourse for a while.

Origins of unlimited power

The demand to abolish the executive presidency, however, did not seem outlandish to Sri Lankans. It wasn't as new, virtually every President who has held office since it was introduced in 1978 had promised to do away with it, even if they conveniently forgot the promise once in that addictive seat.

From the time of its Independence in 1948, Sri Lanka was a parliamentary democracy. It adopted a republican constitution in 1972, in which parliamentary democracy continued. In 1978, the second republican constitution changed it into a presidential form of government and vested the President's office with enormous powers.

The resistance to this system of governance, from within Sri Lanka's polity and civil society, began just as former President J.R. Jayewardene began toying with the idea in the early 1971s, even before enshrining it in Sri Lanka's second republican constitution in 1978. Sri Lanka's Left, especially, played a major role, according to senior constitutional lawyer Jayampathy Wickramaratne, who cited key debates from the time, in a media article some years ago.

Colvin R. de Silva, a founder of the Trotskyist Lanka Sama Samaja Party (LSSP) and one of the finest legislators in the region, succinctly captured the dangers of executive presidency in the Constituent Assembly in 1971. Being Minister of Constitutional Affairs at the time, he contended, "There is undoubtedly one virtue in this system of Parliament ... and that is that the chief executive of the day is answerable directly to the representatives of the people continuously by reason of the fact that the Prime Minister can remain Prime Minister only so long as he can command the confidence of that assembly. We do not want either Presidents or Prime Ministers who can ride roughshod over the people and, therefore, first of all, over the people's representatives. There is no virtue in having a strong man against the people."

Subsequently, when the J.R. Jayewardene-led United National Party (UNP) won a five-sixths majority in the 1977 general elections, promising economic progress with open economic reforms, the Left was wiped out of Parliament. Even so, leftist politicians continued to spearhead the campaign against executive presidency from the outside. N.M. Perera, also a leader of the LSSP, wrote a scathing critique of the 1978 Constitution.

The reign of the Executive

However, executive presidency soon found a secure spot in its architect Jayewardene's office, and the new President, in turn, found in the system all the power he needed to nourish his ambitions. Two years into office, he brutally crushed a massive general strike of workers in 1980, sacking about 40,000 public sector workers using emergency regulations. With the same powers, President Jayewardene did little to curb Sinhalese mobs that killed and looted scores of Tamils in the anti-Tamil pogrom three years later. The bloodbath of July 1983, which he is accused of condoning and even backing, sparked a deadly civil war that gripped the island nation for about three decades, costing tens of thousands of Tamil civilian lives.

In the following decades, Sri Lanka saw half a dozen other presidents elected to the office, with almost all of them promising to abolish executive presidency once elected. Former President Chandrika Bandaranaike Kumaratunge proposed the abolition of the executive presidency and won the 1994 presidential election. But eventually, she did not abolish it.

Further, apart from habitually breaking the poll pledge, leaders occupying the highest office were seen abusing their unfettered powers. In fact, they sought to make it even more powerful.

Months after Mahinda Rajapaksa was elected President for the second time in 2010, on the heels of the military defeat of the LTTE which his party aggressively sold as "war victory" to its southern Sinhalese constituency, his government passed the 18th Amendment. It made the President even more powerful, by removing the two-term limit, and important checks and balances on the exercise of executive power.

Empowering Parliament

However, in what was widely seen as a rare and welcome departure during his successor Maithripala Sirisena's term, the government, co-led by Ranil Wickremesinghe as Prime Minister, passed the 19th Amendment to the Sri Lankan Constitution.

It was the first instance of a constitutional amendment seeking to empower parliament by clipping executive powers. Except, even the residual powers of the office gave Mr. Sirisena the confidence to abruptly sack Mr. Wickremesinghe and dissolve Parliament, triggering a constitutional crisis for over 50 days in late 2018. The Supreme Court ruled that the President's move was illegal. Lawyers who had mounted a legal challenge based their argument primarily on the 19th Amendment.

In November 2019, Gotabaya Rajapaksa won big in the presidential polls and in less than a year, his government overturned the 19th Amendment, passing the 20th that effectively restored the previously reduced presidential powers.

The Wickremesinghe administration, in September 2022, passed the 21st amendment, claiming to return to the arrangement envisaged in the 19th Amendment, but critics dismissed it as an "eyewash". The attempts to "tame" the presidency, in their experience, had proved futile. It is not a system that lends itself to reform, it is one that allows concentration of excessive power, and needs to be repealed in its entirety, they argued.

As of today, the president can still hold any number of ministerial portfolios, which the 19th Amendment sought to limit and disallow. The president still has the power to determine the number of ministers and ministries, as well as to assign subjects and functions to such ministries. The independence of the Constitutional Council which enables and monitors independent commissions has also come into question.

In vesting all powers with the Centre, that too in one office, the executive presidential system seriously restricts the scope of governance at the provincial level. Even within the limited ambit of provincial council administrations, the Governor as a representative of the Executive, wields considerable powers.

Colvin R. de Silva called the system of government under Sri Lanka's 1978 Constitution a "constitutional presidential dictatorship dressed in the raiment of a parliamentary democracy."

Sri Lanka is currently witnessing frequent protests by worker unions and university students, against persisting economic hardships and austerity measures. Police are responding with tear gas and water cannon. Critics of President Ranil Wickremesinghe are already likening him to his uncle J.R. Jayewardene.

Sri Lankans have debated the need to abolish executive presidency for decades now. Last year's crisis yet again put this model of governance in sharp focus. But the island nation is yet to find a leader who would get to the top, and then agree to renounce his or her own power.

This is the last part of a series of articles looking at Sri Lanka's economic recovery and political course

THE GIST

From the time of its Independence in 1948, Sri Lanka was a parliamentary democracy. It adopted a republican constitution in 1972, in which parliamentary democracy continued. In 1978, the second republican constitution vested the President's office with enormous powers.

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INBRIEF

Two-day national conference begins at Kristu Jayanti

A two-day national conference sponsored by NAAC on 'Revisiting quality in higher education' organised by the Internal Quality Assurance Cell, Kristu Jayanti College (Autonomous), started on Thursday. According to a release from the college, the themes under discussion span from the integration of quality parameters of NAAC and NBA to online assessment and accreditation methodology in a revised accreditation framework. The conference includes sessions from experts in the field of higher education in India. They include Ramesh Chander Kuhad, former Vice-Chancellor, Central University of Haryana former Member, University Grants Commission (UGC), N. Jayasankaran, former Vice-Chancellor, Kanchi University, and Director General, BIM, Anitha Kurup, professor and Head of the Education Programme, and Head, NIAS Education for the Gifted and Talented (NIAS-EGT), National Institute of Advanced Studies (NIAS), Bengaluru, Ali Raza Mossvi, Vice-Chancellor, Khaja Bandanawaz University, Kalaburagi, and Aloysius Edward J., Dean, Commerce and Management and Director, IQAC, Kristu Jayanti College, Bengaluru.

Bank of Baroda achievers' award for three students

Three final year engineering students of Nitte Meenakshi Institute of Technology, Sneha T. and Prithvi from aeronautical engineering, and Gurudutt B., electronics and communication engineering, were recently conferred the Bank of Baroda Achievers' award and cash prize in the presence of N.R. Shetty, Chancellor, Central University of Karnataka, who is also the senior advisor, Nitte Group of Institutions, Bengaluru.

BWSSB to supply water in 68 tankers during summer

As Bengaluru is feeling the pangs of water shortage even before summer has peaked and foreseeing the possibility of shortage of supply of drinking water, the Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) will supply water with the help of 68 tankers to areas facing shortage in the city. Apart from this, about 10,710 public tube wells will be maintained by the board and water will be supplied in excess. The BWSSB said all measures have been taken to face the shortage of drinking water in summer. It has also urged consumers to use Cauvery water sparingly. The board also said that in case of water leakage on the road, it should be immediately reported to BWSSB through 1916 telephone number or WhatsApp number: 8762228888, a release stated.

Two women injured as fire breaks out after damage to GAIL pipeline

It was allegedly caused due to unscientific digging by workers of BWSSB for sewerage works in HSR Layout; police register case against contractor, engineer, vehicle operator, and GAIL officials

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Panic gripped residents of HSR Layout in Bengaluru when a fire broke out and two women of a house sustained burns due to gas leak from a damaged GAIL (India) Ltd. pipeline. The damage was allegedly caused due to unscientific digging by workers of the Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board on Thursday.

According to the police, BWSSB was carrying out sewerage works in the 7th phase of HSR Layout. around 9 a.m., one of the gas pipelines of GAIL was damaged during the excavation work for laying pipelines. The workers soon noticed gas starting to leak from the damaged pipeline and covered it with mud without informing the authorities and escaped. The leaked gas soon spread and entered the kitchen of a house near the excavation site, where a woman was cooking, which resulted in a fire.

The leakage led to an explosion in the kitchen and the woman sustained 30% burn injuries. Another woman climbing up the stairs was also injured. Luckily, the GAIL operation and maintenance office was situated nearby and the officials rushed to the spot and contained the leakage and took precautionary measures. The injured women were rushed to the nearby hospital for treatment.

A view of the house where a gas pipeline exploded due to excavation work by water supply board workers in HSR Layout in Bengaluru on Thursday. PTI

An official statement from GAIL said: "A fire incident has been reported at 23rd Cross, HSR Layout. Local contractor associated with the water and sewerage agency caused the damage without any prior intimation or consent of GAIL Gas and didn't even inform regarding the gas leakage and fled the site." The gas caught fire in the nearby dwelling area wherein two occupants are reported to have suffered minor burn injuries. The GAIL Gas Quick Response Team (QRT) and fire fighting team reached the site in less than five minutes and extinguished the fire and controlled the situation, the statement added.

"As per the standard operating procedure, the civic agencies undertaking any construction work should inform GAIL authorities on priority. GAIL had put up markers along the gas pipeline network and informed the local officers and incharge authorities about the pipeline network. Any civic activities should be taken up in coordination with the GIAL official concerned. This apart, GAIL officials carry out regular patrolling along the lines of the pipeline network to ensure safety," it said, also alleging that in the past, similar incidents have been reported against the erring contractor. "The conduct of the erring contractor has been reported to the authorities, who have assured strict action," said the statement.

GAIL urged residents and authorities to advise all contractors to give prior intimation to GAIL before executing any digging work near gas pipelines and also report such incidents to their toll-free number 1800-102-9282.

Responding to the allegations, a senior BWSSB official said: "We are investigating the matter. As per preliminary information, our workers were repairing a manhole and by mistake, without knowing there was a GAIL pipeline, the line was damaged and this led to the incident. We were not aware of the gas pipeline going through the manhole earlier. This is the first such incident that has happened."

The HSR Layout police have registered a case against the BWSSB contractor and engineer, vehicle operator, and GAIL officials for investigations.

CM announces 15% salary hike for RTC staff; union's stance on strike unchanged

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The State government has agreed to hike the salary of the road transport corporation (RTC) employees by 15%. Though the Chief Minister said that an order would be issued on Thursday, at the time of going to press, representatives from unions said no order had been issued.

Mr. Bommai told media persons that Transport Minister B. Sriramulu and heads of the corporations held discussions on pay revision with representatives of the unions of the employees. "The employees say that the pay revision has been pending for three years in the corporations. A decision has been taken to hike the pay by 15%."

Mr. Bommai also said that salaries of KPTCL employees will be increased by 20%. Around 60,000 KPTCL employees, who had threatened to go on an indefinite strike from Thursday, did not go ahead with their plan after the government agreed to hike their wages. The Joint Action Committee of trade unions of the corporations had demanded the State government to hike basic pay by 20%. On Wednesday, representatives held a meeting with management of the corporations, but no consensus was achieved.

Employees' unions have already announced that they will go on strike from March 21 across the State if their demands are not met.

B. Jayadevaraje Urs of Akhila Karnataka Rajya Raste Sarige Naukarara Mahamandali said that the State government has taken a unilateral decision on 15% hike of salaries. "When the negotiations are still on with the management of the corporations, the CM has made an announcement without consulting the unions. We urge him to hold a meeting and listen to the view points of various stakeholders."

Mr. Urs said there is no change in the stance on strike call. On Friday, the Joint Action Committee will hold a convention of employees to decide the future course of action.

Police crack case of body found in drum

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The police have arrested three persons while the prime accused and his four associates are on the run

The railway police cracked the murder case of a woman who was strangled to death and her body stuffed in a plastic drum that was found abandoned outside the Baiyappanahalli railway station entrance on Sunday.

The police arrested Kamaal, 21, Tanvir, 28, and Shakib, 25, natives of Bihar and labourers working in city market, while the prime accused Nawab and his four associates are on the run. Efforts are on to track them down, said Soumyalatha, Superintendent of Police, Railways, who headed the investigations.

The incident occurred on Sunday evening when RPF personnel, who were on rounds, found the abandoned drum and the highly decomposed body of a woman stuffed inside. Based on the complaint, the Baiyappanahalli police registered a case of murder and followed the clues before tracking down the three accused.

The probe revealed that the deceased Tamanna, 27, was married to Afroz, a physically challenged man from Bihar, in 2020, but later dumped him to elope with her husband's cousin Intiqab to Bengaluru. Intiqab was working as an AC mechanic in Jigani. He married Tamanna and was living with her for the last eight months.

Nawab, the elder brother of Intiqab, came to know about this and was furious at Tamanna for spoiling the reputation of the family and also the life of his brother. As per the plan, Nawab invited the couple for lunch and later threatened Intiqab to go home as they are sending Tamanna to her hometown by train. Intiqab tried to resist, following which he was threatened by Nawab with dire consequences .

Scared by this, Intiqab returned home alone and the accused later threatned her and strangled her to death before packing her body in a drum with an intention to transport it to Bihar to cook up a story and create an alibi. The accused even broke the legs of the victim so that it could fit into the drum and sealed it properly, said the police.

When the accused reached Baiyappanahalli railway station, they noticed heavy rush and police presence. Sensing danger, they left the drum at the entrance and escaped in an autorickshaw.

Th police, who swung into action, found a sticker and address on the drum, which helped them zero in on the accused, Ms. Soumyalatha said. A team of RPF personnel led by Devanshu, Senior Divisional Security Commissioner, Bengaluru division, helped the police in cracking the case, she added.

Meanwhile, Intiqab after waiting for two days and worried about Tamanna, called her sister to confirm whether she had reached home. Intiqab then tried to reach his brother, but to no avail. He then went in search of him to his house in Kalasipalya.

Plainclothes policemen, who were keeping a watch at the house, detained Intiqab and brought him for questioning. "So far, there is no evidence about his involvement in the crime, but investigations are on," a police officer said. The police are also awaiting the post-mortem report to ascertain the cause of death, the police added.

DG&IGP Praveen Sood appreciated the police for cracking the case and announced a cash reward. The incident had created panic among the public following rumours of a serial killer on the prowl as two such cases of women being killed and packed in drums and a gunny bag were reported in different police stations since December last year. This murder was not linked to previous cases, Ms. Soumyalatha said.

BDA decision is one texted with mindset of a draftsman of East India Company and not by one whose heart is in the right place: HC

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A bare perusal of the text of the Bangalore Development Authority's decision of rejecting claim for Transferable Developmental Rights (TDR) certificates made by some slum dwellers, who lost their sites 40 years ago, gives an impression that "it is texted with the mindset of a draftsman of East India Company of the bygone era and not by the one whose heart is in the right place," said the High Court of Karnataka.

"A few reasons that are assigned for denying relief to the petitioners are ridiculous, not to state more," the court observed while directing the BDA to issue TDR certificates in favour of 137 petitioners within three months. BDA will have to pay a cost of ₹1,000 per day per petitioner if it failed to issue TDR certificates within three months as the petitioners were compelled to knock the court's doors for the third time, the court said.

Justice Krishna S. Dixit passed the order while allowing the petitions filed by Jayamma and 136 others, who had questioned BDA's March 17, 2022, decision of rejecting the recommendations made by the Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) to issue TDR certificates to the petitioners in lieu of utilising their lands for public purposes.

The petitioners, who were living in a slum on government land in Marenahalli village, were asked to vacate the land in 1976 as the government wanted that land for public purposes and they were offered sites on different survey number in the same village.

Though the government allotted sites to them in 1979-80, issued Hakku Patra (title deeds) and possession certificates by collecting offset price at the rate of ₹2 per square yard from them, they were not given physical possession of the sites due to dispute over the land. After failing to get land for decades, the petitioners, through their association, requested for TDR based on title deeds issued to them.

Citizens whose property has been made use of for a public purpose sans a formal acquisition process can be justifiably treated on a higher pedestal qua those whose property is taken by due process of acquisition, whilst treating the claim for grant of TDR certificates, the court said.

The court termed as "untenable" the suspicion expressed by BDA, without expert opinion, on the genuineness of Hakku Patras and possession certificates to claim that the difference in quality of papers used for these documents raises doubts on their authenticity. BDA's claim is ridiculous when the BBMP has said petitioners were given Hakku Patras, the court said.

Truecaller opens its first India office in city

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Truecaller, a caller ID platform, opened its first office outside of Sweden, in Bengaluru on Thursday. The launch of the office marked a significant milestone in Truecaller's journey in India, said the company in a media conference.

The company's 30,443 square-feet facility in Bengaluru, which was inaugurated by Rajeev Chandrasekhar, Minister of State for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship & Electronics and Information Technology, has a capacity to accommodate up to 250 employees, the company said. "The decision to open an exclusive office in India is representative of the growth of India as a trusted technology partner to the world," said the Minister.

Truecaller CEO & co-founder Alan Mamedi speaking during the opening of Truecaller's office space on Thursday. PTI

Alan Mamedi, CEO & co-founder, Truecaller, said: "We want to continue to serve India's digital society and economy with the best experience on our app with safety and privacy as core operating principles." Truecaller plans to use this facility as its primary hub to deliver the company's India first features and serve users globally, he said. The platform has garnered 338 million monthly active users, of which 246 million are from India, as per the company.

Russell Market and Chandni Chowk in new, improved avatars

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Russell Market, one of the oldest markets in the city, sports a new look as the beautification project which had been taken up under the Smart City project nears completion.

"I am happy that after about 35 years, they are facelifting Russell Market. Before this smart city project, the market had many issues such as sanitation, lighting, parking, and others," Mohammed Idrees Choudhury, general secretary of Russell Market Traders Union, said.

A view of Russell Market at Shivajinagar on Thursday. SUDHAKARA JAIN

Mohammed Anees, who owns a vegetable shop at the market, said: "Apart from the plaza outside, we have requested some renovation work inside the market such as painting and cleaning." Under the project, the Russell Market building has been painted and a plaza is under construction. Not just the market, but the 200-year-old Chandni Chowk in Shivajinagar, which also consists of St. Mary's Basilica and a 250-year-old heritage well which was recently revived, have also undergone a makeover under the Smart City Project, MLA LAD fund, and BBMP funds.

Developed at a cost of around ₹7 crore, the plaza has modern amenities like a clock tower, fountains, toilets, parking area, lighting, and much more. "The area desperately needed a fresh look as it was covered with garbage, encroachments, and broken infrastructure," said Rizwan Arshad, MLA, Shivajinagar.

On March 18, 'Shivajinagar Habba' will be organised during which the new look of Chandni Chowk will be unveiled. "The Habba celebrates the diversity of the city and brings people from different communities together. The event will include performances by famous artists, food stalls, and a host of other cultural activities," Mr. Arshad said.

(With inputs from Nivetha C. and Arvind Kumar)

IN THE LIMELIGHT

Film-making excellence: Yulia Navalny, wife of jailed dissident Alexei Navalny, speaks after *Navalny* was awarded the Best Documentary Feature Film during the Oscars on March 12. REUTERS

The role of streaming platforms and story-telling in creating a documentary

The pre-internet era belief that documentaries are just social commentaries by NGOs or governments has long been debunked. Streaming platforms are investing more in documentaries and docu-series which are biographies, stories on true crime, climate change and so on

Bhuvanesh Chandar

Being a recognition of effort and validation to the creator aside, awards like the Oscars have an undeniable cultural value that can influence a market like India. This cultural value is bigger than the segmented post-pandemic, post-streaming Indian consumer base. Leave aside the Oscars, we are witnessing live how even some surprises at the box office can spring a trend that adds up to the volatility of this market, such as when a film like *KGF: Chapter 2* brings about a handful of projects that try to emulate the same.

The non-fiction scene in India might be far from reaching its full potential in terms of popularity and pop-cultural significance but the overwhelming response to Netflix's documentary *The Elephant Whisperers*, both before and after the Oscar win, signify many things. Chiefly, how does the mainstream popularity of non-fiction look in the future? And how significant is the role of streaming platforms in this case?

Role of streaming platforms

Documentaries gained direct access to mainstream consumers when YouTube came into the picture. For fans of non-fiction, earlier there were designated websites or the ever-gracious torrent. So who wouldn't like it when a reliable business model comes into the mix? There birthed the curve that began with the boom of streaming services like Netflix and Disney+ Hotstar. The list of home-grown documentaries and docu-series that are available to stream were unending. Cut to the present, there is now a notion that streaming platforms might even play a role in the Oscars!

The presence of a nomination on streaming doesn't decide a win; in fact, the Oscars have the Academy members voting and not the viewers. Yes, *The Elephant Whisperers*' presence on Netflix gave it a lot of mileage, and *All That Breathes*, the Indian nomination that competed in the category of Best Documentary Feature, is yet to find a streaming release in India (it's out on HBO Max in the U.S.). But ascertaining if the popularity of the title at home, among audiences with the biggest digital presence in the world, played a role in director Kartiki Gonsalves' win is impossible.

It also might be inaccurate to conclude that the lack of home advantage might be why *All That Breathes* lost. In the case of the Shaunak Sen directorial and all the other contenders for the Best Documentary Feature, they might just be unlucky: they had to face a goliath in *Navalny*, the final winner. *Navalny*, which is streaming on HBO Max, had a lot going for it. The film about the poisoning of Russian opposition leader Alexei Navalny, allegedly by Russian President Vladimir Putin, is coming out at a time when anti-Putin sentiments are on a high, particularly in the U.S. – Oscar's home and the only country in which HBO Max is available – due to the history between the two and the Russia-Ukraine war.

This might have appealed slightly more to the Academy members than documentaries on a bird-rescuing duo in Delhi (*All That Breathes*), the lives of volcanologists (*Fire of Love*), and an American war against the opioid epidemic (*All the Beauty and...*). *A House Made of Splinters*, on the orphaned children in eastern Ukraine, is anti-Putin only in spirit. Moreover, *Navalny* is directly produced by HBO Max, unlike the other nominees. You would expect the streaming giant to go all-out with their campaign.

On the Documentary Short front, *The Elephant Whisperers*, a documentary not produced by Netflix, bested both *The Martha Mitchell Effect* and *Stranger at the Gate*, two films with American political relevance. So, for anything conclusive to be deduced from the Oscar wins, one needs to understand the role the streaming platforms play in campaigning, because, impressing 10,000 academy members takes effort. It might just be the case that it is the subject of the short, the brilliance of Kartiki, and the campaigning prowess of Guneet Monga that got us the win. Our attempts to reach Netflix executives and Kartiki Gonsalves to understand the role Netflix played were unsuccessful. But it is a given that good storytelling always takes more precedence than campaigning.

Importantly, none of these theories stated above takes away the fact that they have all won at the art of docu-filmmaking.

On themes in sub-genres

But one thing's for sure: at home and away, documentaries have found their home on streaming platforms and there's no changing that. And Netflix will be taking a closer look at this win.

There's a high chance that people from the pre-internet era might have a restricted perspective on documentaries, that they are mostly only social commentaries made by the government or NGOs. This tide has changed altogether. If there's one sub-genre that enjoys the most attention from production houses, streaming platforms, and the audience, it is true-crime. One of the most popular Indian docu titles to come out recently was the 2021 Netflix limited series *House of Secrets: The Burari Deaths*, which recounted the investigation into the mysterious demise of 11 members of the same family in 2018. Netflix cashed in on this and we got a series of true crime titles, like the *Indian Predator* series, *Crime Stories: India Detectives*, and *Mumbai Mafia: Police vs Underworld*. The sensationalism and shock value of the story will always attract more eyeballs. With true-crime enjoying global success as well, thanks to the likes of the *Ted Bundy Tapes*, *Dahmer - Monster: The Jeffrey Dahmer Story*, *The Tinder Swindler*, *Don't F**k with Cats: Hunting an Internet Killer*, and *Worst Roommate Ever* among others, streamers are just going to keep making more of these.

But subjects that speak of relevant social causes might also see a boost, with a few more factors and clauses of course. Topics like climate change that enjoy relatively more popularity among the audience will take bigger chunks of the cake. Both *All That Breathes* and *The Elephant Whisperers* talk about ecological preservation.

The favourability and popularity of a theme handled are key. It won't be far-fetched to assume that, say for instance, a documentary on how climate change affects a species of insects in Coimbatore would get far lesser attention than *The Elephant Whisperers* – an ant cannot best an elephant here. And the story always takes precedence. Would a documentary about two elephant calves get as much reception as one about how two mahouts raised two orphaned elephant calves with so much love? Biographical documentaries will always have a higher success rate.

Moreover, the socio-political climate of your market is to be taken note of as well. Just months ago, a documentary from *BBC* created chaos in India. And recently, post the Oscar win, many news reports have stated that both Bommie and Bellie, the stars of *The Elephant Whisperers*, haven't watched the film yet. While Kartiki herself has replied to these comments stating that she watched the documentary with the two, this has opened the debate about the ethical dilemma that is posed to a creator – whether it is the filmmaker or the subject who deserve the bigger credit and the benefits. Because quite often, documentary filmmakers are criticised to be trespassers who use their subjects for their own artistic satisfaction; a tricky grey area, again.

These are sensitive topics that can once again impact a film's success, and so in today's India, risk analysis and management are also key.

The Oscar win for *The Elephant Whisperers* certainly doesn't feel like a one-off moment for documentaries, and streaming platforms are here to play a major task, even if they directly or indirectly influence the Oscars or not.

THE DAILY QUIZ

Please send in your answers to dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in

The 95th Academy Awards will be remembered by Indians for winning the Oscars in two categories. A quiz on this year's ceremony held recently

V.V. Ramanan

QUESTION 1
For the first time since the 80th Academy Awards, co-directors took home the big prize. Which siblings did Daniel Kwan and Daniel Scheinert emulate?

QUESTION 2
Which classic did M. M. Keeravani adapt and sing while accepting his Oscar for Best Original Song?

QUESTION 3
Dominic, who accompanied Jimmy Kimmel onto the stage, did not win any award and was standing in for some other 'actor' from a nominated film. Who was Dominic?

QUESTION 4
Which Nobel Laureate responded to a question from Kimmel with a diplomatic answer "I only talk about peace"?

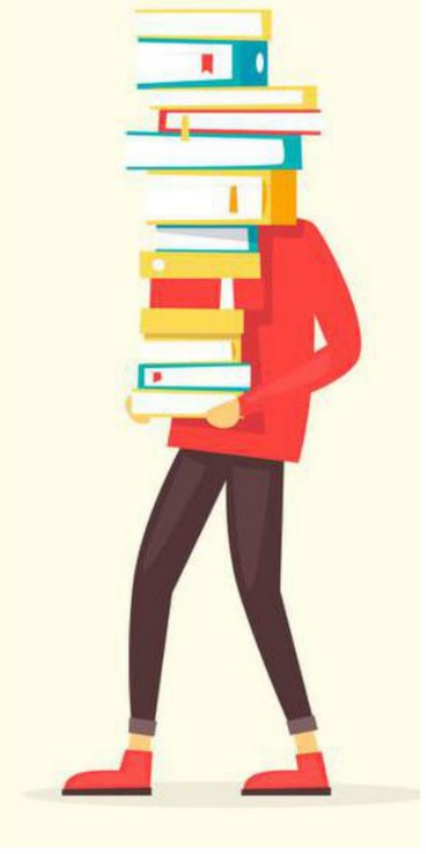
QUESTION 5
If other nominees were *Haulout*, *How Do You Measure a Year?*, *The Martha Mitchell Effect*, and *Stranger at the Gate*, who won?

QUESTION 6
Ke Huy Quan, who won the Best Supporting Actor, captured everybody's hearts by hugging and kissing Harrison Ford. In which film did they work together in 1984?

QUESTION 7
Prior to *Everything Everywhere All At Once* which film had won the best picture, best director, and three acting prizes?

Visual question:
Name this living legend and the record he set at this year's Oscars (even though he did not not win). AFP

Questions and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz: 1. Ginsburg was the second woman to serve in the Court. She also achieved this feat. **Ans: Ginsburg was the first Jewish woman to serve in Court**
2. This was the first bill signed into law by former U.S. President Barack Obama in 2009. **Ans: Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act of 2009**
3. Ginsburg authored the Court's opinion which struck down this institute's male-only admissions policy. **Ans: Virginia Military Institute**
4. This American lawyer replaced Ginsburg in Court after the latter's death. **Ans: Amy Coney Barrett; Her nomination was controversial because the 2020 presidential election was only days away**
5. Researchers at the Cleveland Museum of Natural History named this species of this insect after Ginsburg. **Ans: Praying mantis, Ilomantis ginsburgae**
6. Ginsburg's dissents led to this sobriquet coined by this person. **Ans: The Notorious R.B.G.; Shana Knizhnik**
Visual: The artisit who portrayed Ginsburg in this film. **Ans: Felicity Jones,** *On the Basis of Sex*
Early Birds: Harris Tom| Preeti Chockalingam



FROM THE ARCHIVES

Know your English

K. Subrahmanian

"With reference to my comments on 'umpire' and 'referee', Mr. R. Y. Deshpande of Sri Aurobindo Ashram, Pondicherry writes: "In scientific parlance when a technical paper is sent to a journal for publication, the editors normally send it to 'referees' for assessment and recommendation. Only when it is 'referred' by competent experts that it is accepted for publication in case they find it suitable for the purpose – of course, compatible with the standard of the journal."

Thank you, Sir.

"Several readers would like to know whether 'He is out of station' is used in British English."

"It is used only in India. The word 'station' is of military origin. Yule and Brunell's Hobson-Jobson: A Glossary of Anglo-Indian Words defines station thus: 'A word of constant recurrence in Anglo-Indian colloquial, it is the designation of the place where English officials of a district, or the officers of a garrison (not a fortress) reside. Also the aggregate society of such a place. 'In station' now means 'present at one's place or work'; 'out of station' means 'not present at one's place of work.' These are not used either in British or American English."

"Mr. N. Suryanarayanamurty of Vizianagaram wants to know the meaning and pronunciation of 'awry'."

"'Awry' means 'crookedly, amiss, improperly, wrongly'. It can be used literally and also figuratively.

He held the spoon awry.

Our plans to go to Darjeeling went awry.

'To go awry' means 'to go wrong'. The 'a' in 'awry' is pronounced like the 'a' in 'china, 'wry' rhymes with 'fry' and 'try'. The stress is on the second syllable 'wry'."

"Mr. Vijaya and Mr. N. David of Madras would like to know which of the following is correct"

(a) He completed an one-year diploma course.

(b) He completed one-year diploma course."

"Neither is correct 'He completed a one-year diploma course' is correct. 'One' is pronounced like the word 'won'. It is because of certain dialectal influence. 'Cone' rhymes with 'fun'. The first sound in 'one' is w and not o. So, the article that precedes it must be a and not an. It is a diploma course, it is a one-year diploma course."

Word of the day

Jamboree:
a lavish celebration

Synonyms: gala, gala affair, blowout

Usage: *The local food jamboree is being hosted by this organisaton.*

Pronunciation: bit.ly/jamboreepro

International Phonetic Alphabet: /ˌdʒæm.bəˈɹi:/

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NEW SHOWROOM OPENING TODAY AT KALABURAGI

Department of Agriculture
Commissioner of Agriculture
Sheshadri Road, Bengaluru-560 001.

No.: PPO/TO/PPC/2023 Date: 14.03.2023

e-TENDER NOTIFICATION

Department of Agriculture has invited applications through e-tender for the supply of Pesticides to distribute to the farmers under different subsidy programmes.

The interested suppliers must register with e-tender to participate in the Procurement. To obtain more information for participating in the e-Tender log on to **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** or contact Help desk: +91-8046010000, +91-8068948777 or **E-mail: support@eprochelpdesk.com** e-Tender application and details may be downloaded from **13.03.2023**. Last date & time for submission of e-tender application: **21.04.2023 upto 5:30 p.m**. Technical Bids will be opened on **24.04.2023 at 10:30 a.m.** at Sambhrama Sabhangana, Commissionerate of Agriculture, Seshadri road, Bengaluru.

Sd/-
Director fo Agriculture

DIPR/CP/JA/5317/2022-23

Rural Drinking Water and Sanitation Department
Office of the Executive Engineer,
Rural Drining Water & Sanitation Department, Chickballapur Division, Chikkaballapur, Phone:08156-270058 E-mail id:eerdwsdckb2@gmail.com

No.:EE/RDW&SD/CBP/A.E.-2/2022-23 Date:10.03.2023

Tender Notification No.: 59/2022-23
Date: 10.03.2023

(Through e-Procurement Portal)

Exeuctive Engineer, Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Division, Chickballapur, On behalf of the Governor of Karnataka, Invites request for proposal of tenders from the eligible bidders for the work of Providing FHTC's to 26 Villages in Gowribidanur Taluk, Chickballapur District-Two Cover tender procedure as per rule 28 of the KTPP act shall be followed. The tenderers are required to submit (Under KW-IV) **http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Tenders are invited through E-Procurement Portal for the Below Mentioned Work: **(1)** Downloading of document through e-portal: **10.03.2023 to 18.03.2023 up to 5.00 PM IST (2)** Pre Bid Meeting: **16.03.2023 Time:11.00 AM Venue: EE.RDW&SD CBP (3)** Last Date & Time for Receipt of Bids: **18.03.2023 Time:5.00 PM (4)** Date & Time Technical Bid Opening: **20.03.2023 Time: 11.00 AM (5)** Date & Time of Financial Bid Opening:**21.03.2023 Time:11.00 AM**

Sd/- Executive Engineer, RDW&S Division, Chikkaballapur

DIPR/Chikkaballpaur/R.O.No.576/MCA/2022-23

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OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT DIVISION KOPPAL.
Phone No:08539–222318email:eepwdkpl2@gmail.com

IFT No. PWD:DK:RD:KW-1, 3 & 4:2022-23: 5710 Date:14-03-2023

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER & POSTPONED (IFT)

The Executive Engineer, Public works Department Division Koppal invites tenders from the eligible tenderers as per standard bid documents KW- **1, 3 & 4** on e-procurement Portal, **Head of Account : 3054-MDR Maintenance & 8443-Deposit Contribution / 2022-23.** Two cover Tender procedure as per Rule 28 of the KTPP Act shall be followed. For more information the contractor can contact the under signed during office hours on Phone No. 08539 – 222318 and all informations regarding tenders can be had from website http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in. Work Indent Nos. **167286, 167588, 159722 & 159721 (4 Works)** Last Date & time for receipt of tenders **24-03-2023 Time 16.00**, Date and time for opening of technical bid **27-03-2023 Time 11.00,** Max: Estimate Amount **Rs. 300.00** Lakhs & Min: Estimate Amount **Rs. 13.90** Lakhs. The tender documents can be downloaded from the above website address, EMD, Date of Pre-bid meeting & Queries/Clarification, Date and time for opening of financial bid as mentioned in e-Proc Portal.

Sd/- EE, PWD Division, Koppal.

DIPR/Koppal/742/KSMCA/2022-23

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No: 506/BGM/SEE/Tr.(W&M)/C/EE(O)/AEE-2/22-23/F-50/10697-706 Date:16.03.2023

BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Through e-procurement mode only)

KPTCL invites bids on Partial Turn Key Basis against this office TENDER INDENT No: **1) KPTCL/2022-23/SS/WORK_INDENT10475** for Replacement of 1x10MVA, 110/11kV transformer by 1x20 MVA, 110/11kV transformer at 110kV Ankali sub-station in Chikkodi taluk, Belagavi district. **2) KPTCL/2022-23/SS/WORK_INDENT10489** for Creating 33kV reference by providing 1x20MVA, 110/33kV Transformer at 110kV Yadwad sub-station in Gokak taluk, Belagavi district **3) KPTCL/2022-23/SS/ WORK_INDENT10490** for Replacement of 1X10MVA, 110/11KV power transformer by 1X20MVA, 110/11KV power transformer without switchgears at 110KV Raibagh S/S in Raibag taluk, Belagavi district. coming under the jurisdiction of Superintending Engineer Ele, Transmission (W&M) Circle, KPTCL, Belagavi.

The detailed notification regarding the works called through the "E-procurement" mode can be obtained by logging onto E-procurement's website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** on after **4:30 pm on 17.03.2023**. Other details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer(Ele),
Tr(W&M), Circle, KPTCL, Neharu Nagar, Belagavi-590010
Ph: 0831-2950835

IN THE COURT OF THE III ADDITIONAL DISTRICT AND SESSIONS JUDGE, BENGALURU RURAL AT ANEKAL

R.A. No. 5017 / 2021

BETWEEN : M/s. Infosys Ltd. ...APPELLANT
AND : Venkataramappa & Ors
...RESPONDENTS

SUMMONS TO RESPONDENT NOS. 2, 7, 11, 17 AND 26 UNDER ORDER V RULE 20 OF THE CODE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE, 1908 BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION

2. Annayappa, S/o Kaverappa, Aged about 90 years, Residing at Shambappa Temple Street, Sarjapura Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District.

7. Thopamma, D/o Late Kaverappa, W/o Sonnappa, Aged about 84 years, Residing at Shambappa Temple Street, Sarjapura Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaturu Urban District.

11. Lakshmi, D/o Sombaiah, Aged about 21 years, Residing at M.G. Road, Sarjapura Village and Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District

17. Madhu, S/o Nagappa, Aged about 35 years, Residing at M.G. Road, Sarjapura Village and Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District.

26. Ashok, S/o Annaiahppa Aged about 34 years, Residing at M.G. Road, Sarjapura Village and Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District.

Whereas, the Appellant has filed the above appeal against the Respondents, seeking to call for the records in O.S. No. 1328/2006 and to set aside the Judgment and Decree dated 23.01.2021 in O.S. No. 1328/2006.

The Hon'ble Court by its Order dated 16.02.2023 has ordered issuance of summons to you through substituted service. Therefore, you are hereby directed to appear and show cause as to why the Appeal should not be allowed, on **20.04.2023 at 11:00 AM, in person** or by a Pleader/Advocate duly instructed in the matter.

Take notice that in case of default or your non-appearance, the appeal will be heard and disposed of in your absence.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that part and parcel of the property bearing Sy.No. 343/2, measuring 5 Acres 4 guntas situated at Sarjapura Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru District, Bounded on:

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Given under my hand and the seal of this Court, on this 09th day of March 2023.

By Order of the Court, Chief Ministerial Officer, III Addl. Dist & Sessions Judge's Court, Anekal, Bangalore Rural Dist.

Advocate for Appellant :
M/s. King & Partridge Advocates
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GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA, "e"- PROCUREMENT NOTICE
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1st Corrigendum to Bid Identification No.CE-W.B.P.(O) - 35 / 2022-23

- Following changes are made for the work of IFB of Sl.02 "Construction of H.L.Bridge over Mandalia Nallah at on Rajanpal to Anlaberni road via Baliamba in the District of Angul under State Plan as per Tender ID No.2023_EICCL_86610_2.

BOQ Sl.No.	As per original	To be read as
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- The Last date of submission of tender for the above work is hereby extended **upto 5.00 PM of dt.20.03.2023**
- The tender for the above work will be received online and shall be opened at **11.30 AM on 21.03.2023.**

All other terms and conditions remain unchanged.

Chief Engineer, World Bank Project, Odisha.

B-1352 : OIPR-34003/11/0081/2223

DIRECTORATE OF TEACHER EDUCATION AND SCERT : ODISHA : BHUBANESWAR

CORRIGENDUM NOTICE

Notice No. 1526 **Date : 16.03.2023**

With reference to the Pre-Bid Meeting held on 15.03.2023, the Corrigendum in respect of RFP - I and II with reference to the Tender Call Notice No. 1137 dated 27.02.2023 is hereby modified. The Corrigendum (Annexure - I and II) are published in the website i.e. **www.scertodisha.nic.in** for reference.

Last Date for submission of Tender Document : 27.03.2023 (05.00 p.m.)

Opening of Technical Bid : 28.03.2023 (10.30 a.m.)

followed by presentation by the firms and opening of Financial Bid.

Director,
TE and SCERT,
Odisha, Bhubaneswar

n-116 OIPR-27006/11/0016/2223

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E-Tender Notification No. SPO/UASR/E-Proc-10/2022-23, Dt: 13-03-2023.

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

The University of Agricultural Sciences, Raichur is inviting e-tender for Purchase of Scientific Equipment & other materials, at UAS, Raichur. The interested suppliers are requested to participate through online only. The website address is www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in (Indent Number:-UAS/2022-23/ IND4649 & 4651. The last date for submission of filled in Tender Document is 21-03-2023.

Sd/- Stores Purchase Officer
UAS, Raichur.

DIP.Raichur/735/K.S.M.C&A/2022-23

Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike
Office of the Senior Assistant Dirctor of Horticulture, 340/A, 5th Main, RCHS Layout, Annapoorneshwari Nagara, Nagarabhavi, Bengaluru-560 091.

No.BBMP/SADH/RRN/TEN/PR/236/2021-22 Date: 16-03-2023

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER
(IFT) (Two Cover System)
(Through GOK e-Procurement Portal Only)

The Senior Assistant Director of Horticulture (Rajarajeshwarinagara Zone, BBMP), invites tenders in accordance with KTPP rules 2000, from eligible and experienced Person/Agencies/ Firms (Referred to as Tenderers in these documents) registered for Maintenance of Borewell.

Sl. No.	Name of the work & Category	Esimated Cost (in ₹.)	EMD (in ₹.)
1.	Drilling of Borewell in Rajarajeshwari Park in Front of Zonal Office Part-2 Park Ward No.160, RR Nagar Zone. **(SC).**	7,37,500/-	18,438/-
2.	Drilling of Borewell at Subhash Chandra Bose Park Ideal Homes in Ward No.160, R.R. Nagar Zone. **(SC).**	7,37,500/-	18,438/-
3.	Drilling of Borewell at Krishnappa Block Park in Ward No.160 in R.R. Nagar Zone. **(ST).**	7,37,500/-	18,438/-

Calendar of Events: (1) Date of Notification : **17-03-2023. (2)** Tender can be downloaded and submitted through e-procurement portal online from : **17-03-2023** to **24-03-2023. (3)** Technical bid opening date: **27-03-2023 at 11:30 a.m. (4)** Financially bid opening date : **29-03-2023, 11:30 a.m. if possible. (5)** This tender notice can also be seen on the BBMP Website www.bbmp.gov.in Further particulars can be obtained from the above office during working hours on working days or from **website: https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/-, Senior Assistant Director of Horticulture, BBMP.

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
(Infrastructure Development, Ports and Inland Water Transport Department)
Karnataka Maritime Board
Office of the Executive Engineer, Port & Fisheries Division, 'Shamili Hall', 2nd Floor, Ambalpady, Udupi - 576103.
Tel No.: 0820-2532961, Fax No.: 0820-2532961, Email: pfdudupi@gmail.com

No.: EE:P&F:DVN:Udupi:AE:Tender Notification-42/2022-23 Dt: 14.03.2023

Invitation for Tenders (IFT) Two Cover System
Short Term Tender Notification (2nd Call)

On behalf of Governor of Karnataka, Tender is invited in E-procurement to execute below mentioned work. To participate in E-procurement, and for more information may be obtained in (http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in) website. For further Extension refer above mentioned website. No separate paper notification will be issued.

Sl. No.	Name of Work and Indent Number	Amount Put to Tender	Earnet Money Deposit (EMD Amount)	Last Date for Queries	Date of Receipt of Tender
1	**Restoration of Road and Road Protection work at Padubidre Nadipatna and Koppalangadi - Muloor Thottam Sea Shore in Kaup Taluk, Udupi District (Package work)**	₹ 2,07,01,888.08	₹ 3.11 lakhs (₹ 1.00 lakh e-payment + ₹ 2.11 lakh as mentioned in bid document)	20.03.2023 at 16.00 Hours	21.03.2023 at 17.00 Hours

Sd/-, Executive Engineer
Port & Fisheries Division, Udupi

Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike
Office of the Executive Engineer, Dasarahalli Zone, Dasarahalli Division, 2nd & 3rd Cross, 2nd Main Road, 3rd Block, HMT Layout, Near BWSSB Water Tank, Nagasandra, Bengaluru-560 073.

No.BBMP/EE/DD/Ten/23/2022-23 Date: 14-03-2023

INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT) (KW-2 & 3)
(Short Term Tender) (One & Two Tender Document System)
(Through GOK e-Procurement Portal Only)

The Executive Engineer, Dasarahalli Division, BBMP, Bengaluru invites tenders from eligible Tenderers for the construction of works detailed in the table below.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work & Category	Amount put to Tender (₹. in Lakhs)	EMD (in ₹.)
1.	Reasphalting of Roads and desilting of Drains from Pipe Line Road to Maheshwaramma Circle and 10th Cross, Maheshwari Nagara in Ward No.20, Mallasandra, **(Call-5). (Two Cover System).**	64.57	1,29,200/-
2.	Reasphalting of Roads and desilting of Drains in 1st and 2nd Main of Lake View Layout in Ward No.20, Mallasandr, **(Call-5). (Two Cover System).**	64.57	1,29,200/-
3.	Improvements to KIDB Chokkasandra, Nethaji Nagara, SC Colony Cross Roads in Ward No.22, Chokkasandra, **(Call-5). (Two Cover System).**	60.16	1,20,400/-
4.	Improvements of Roads and Drains in Rukmini Nagara and Gundappa Layout Surrounding area in Ward No.22, Chokkasandra, **(Call-5). (Two Cover System).**	80.54	1,61,200/-
5.	Construction of Drains and culverts in 2nd Cross and surrounding sub crosses in Kanshiram Nagar in Ward No.16, **(Call-2). (Two Cover System).**	48.43	96,860/-
6.	Improvements to Shivapura SC Colony Cross Roads in Ward No.23, Nelagadaranahalli, **(Call-2). (Two Cover System).**	60.47	1,20,940/-
7.	Improvements to SC Colony, 1st, 2nd & 3rd Cross Roads behind Rajgopalanagara Police Station in Ward No.24, **(Call-2). (Two Cover System).**	60.51	1,21,020/-
8.	BBMP Assets-Fencing of Vacant BBMP Land (Including Parks & Gardens) in Ward No.17, Dasarahalli Zone, **(Call-2). (Two Cover System).**	56.50	1,13,000/-
9.	Improvements to Roads and Drains at DM Public School Road & its surrounding Crosses, Rajeshwari Nagara in Ward No.25, **(Call-3). (Two Cover System).**	56.48	1,12,960/-
10.	Improvements to Roads, Culverts & Drains in Manjunatha Nagara & Soap Factory Layout & Surrounding area in Ward No.18, Bagalagunte, **(Call-2). (SC).**	40.40	40,400/-
11.	Improvements to Roads, Culverts & Drains behind Dasarahalli Metro Station & Surrounding area in Ward No.21, T. Dasarahalli, **(Call-2). (SC).**	40.36	40,360/-
12.	Improvements to Roads & Drains in Officers Model Colony & Surrounding area in Ward No.21, T. Dasarahalli, **(Call-2). (SC).**	40.40	40,400/-
13.	Improvements to Roads and Drains at 7th Cross, 8th Cross, Rajagopala Nagara and Surrounding Crosses in Ward No.25, **(Call-2), (ST).**	24.15	25,000/-

Calendar of Events: (1) Tender documents may be downloaded from the e-procurement portal of the Govt. of Karnataka from **18-03-2023 (2)** Pre-bid for 2 cover tender meeting will be held on **20-03-2023 at 11:30 a.m.** in the Office of the Chief Engineer, Dasarahalli Zone, MEI Layout, Bagalagunte, Bengaluru-560 073. **(3)** Tenders must be submitted online through e-procurement portal on or before **4:00 p.m. on 23-03-2023. (4)** Technical Bids will be opened on **24-03-2023 at 4:30 p.m. (5)** Financial Bids will be opened on **27-03-2023 at 4:30 p.m.** if Possible. **(6)** Any Corrigendum / Addendum / Modification will be notified only in the Notice Board of the Undersigned & also e-procurement portal. Further particulars can be obtained from the above office during working hours on working days or from **website: https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Dasarahalli Division, BBMP.

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ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಆಹ್ವಾನ (ಐಎಫ್‌ಟಿ)

ಮೇಲ್ಕಂಡ ಇಲಾಖೆಯು ಕೆಳಕಂಡ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಅರ್ಹ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ದಾರರಿಂದ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in ಮೂಲಕ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಿದೆ. ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ದಾರರು ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ ಪಡೆಯಲು ಅರ್ಹತೆಗಾಗಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ದಾರರಿಗೆ ಸೂಚನೆಯ ಕಲಂ 3 ರಲ್ಲಿ ವಿವರಿಸಿರುವ ಕನಿಷ್ಠ ಅರ್ಹತಾ ಮಾನದಂಡಗಳನ್ನು ಗಮನಿಸಲು ಕೋರಲಾಗಿದೆ. (ಸ್ಟಾಂಡರ್ಡ್ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಡಾಕ್ಯೂಮೆಂಟ್ ಕೆಡಬ್ಲ್ಯೂ1, ಕೆಡಬ್ಲ್ಯೂ2 & ಕೆಡಬ್ಲ್ಯೂ3). **ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ ಹೆಸರು:** ಬೆಂಗಳೂರಿನ ನಂದಿನಿ ಲೇಔಟ್‌ನ ಎಲ್‌ಐಜಿ ಬ್ಲಾಕ್‌ನ 48 ರಿಂದ 58 ರ ವರೆಗಿನ ಆಯ್ದ ಕ್ವಾರ್ಟರ್ಸ್‌ಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಅಡುಗೆ ಮನೆಗಳಿಗೆ ಗ್ರಾನೈಟ್ ಸ್ಟೋನ್ ಪ್ಲಾಟ್‌ಫಾರಂ, ಸಿಂಕ್ ಹಾಗೂ ವಾಷ್ ಬೇಸಿನ್ ಅಳವಡಿಸಿ ರಿಪೇರಿ ಮಾಡುವುದು, ಶೌಚಾಲಯಗಳ ಸೀಲಿಂಗ್‌ಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ವಾಟರ್ ಲೀಕೇಜ್ ತಡೆಯುವುದು, ಮತ್ತು ವಾಟರ್ ಪ್ರೂಫಿಂಗ್ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ, ಅಡುಗೆ ಮನೆ, ಪ್ಯಾಸೇಜ್, ಬಾತ್ ಮತ್ತು ಟಾಯ್ಲೆಟ್‌ಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಹೊಸ ಟೈಲ್‌ಗಳ ಅಳವಡಿಕೆ, ಸ್ಟೇರ್ ಕೇಸ್ ಲಾಬಿ, ನೀರಿನ ಸೋರಿಕೆ ತಡೆಯಲು ಜಿಐ ವಾಟರ್ ಲೈನ್, ಒಳಾಂಗಣ ಗೋಡೆಗಳು, ಬಾಗಿಲುಗಳು ಮತ್ತು ಕಿಟಕಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಪೈಂಟಿಂಗ್ ಸೇರಿದಂತೆ ನಗರದ ವಿಕಾಸ ಸೌಧ ಹಾಗೂ ಇತರೆಡೆ ಒಟ್ಟು 32 ವಿವಿಧ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳು. ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ : **ಕನಿಷ್ಠ ರೂ. 6.95 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು ಗರಿಷ್ಠ: ರೂ. 81.61 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು.** ಇಎಂಡಿ: **ಕನಿಷ್ಠ ರೂ. 8200/- ಗರಿಷ್ಠ: ರೂ. 163220/-.** ಪೂರ್ಣಗೊಳಿಸುವ ಅವಧಿ: **ತಲಾ 01 ತಿಂಗಳು. ಪ್ರವರ್ಗ:** ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ 1 ರಿಂದ 3 ಹಾಗೂ 8 ರಿಂದ 10, 14 ರಿಂದ 15, 18 ರಿಂದ 27, 30 ರಿಂದ 32 ಇತರೆ ಪ್ರವರ್ಗಕ್ಕೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ 4 ರಿಂದ 7 ಮತ್ತು 12 ರಿಂದ 13, 16 ರಿಂದ 17 ಮತ್ತು 28 ಪರಿಶಿಷ್ಟ ಜಾತಿಗೆ ಮತ್ತು ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ 11 ಮತ್ತು 29 ಪರಿಶಿಷ್ಟ ಪಂಗಡಕ್ಕೆ ಮೀಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ದಸ್ತಾವೇಜುಗಳನ್ನು ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಿಂದ ಡೌನ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳುವ ಅವಧಿ **18.03.2023 ರವರೆಗೆ.** ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಮಾರ್ಗಸೂಚಿಗಳ ಅನ್ವಯ ಇ–ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ: **18.03.2023, 16.30 ಗಂಟೆಯೊಳಗೆ.** ಇತರೆ ವಿವರಗಳಿಗೆ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ದಸ್ತಾವೇಜುಗಳನ್ನು ನೋಡುವುದು.

ಸಹಿ/- ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು

ವಾಸಾಸಂಇ/ಆನಿ–ಸಿ.ಪಿ/5269/ಎಂಸಿಎ/2022–23

BANGALORE ELECTRICITY SUPPLY COMPANY LIMITED
(Wholly Owned by Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
(CIN-U04010KA2002SGC030438)

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through e-procurement portal)

BESCOM invites tender to establish Transformer repair center through e-procurement For Repairs and Reconditioning of 11KV class single coil/multi coil Conventional (Aluminium/copper wound) and 3,4,5 Star Rated failed Distribution Transformers of various Capacities from 25 to 500 KVA in BMAZ North and South Zones and 25 to 250 KVA in BRAZ and CTAZ jurisdictions and Conversion of CSP to Conventional bolt & nut type on % lumpsum rate basis (Material, Labour & Salvage) at Transformer repair center at Taluk/Divisions of BESCOM jurisdiction vide following enquiry Numbers: **Existing repair centres:**

Sl. No.	Enquiry No & date	Taluk / Division	Approx. Amount put to Tender in Lakhs
1	BESCOM/CGM(OP)/DGM(Op-1)/22-23/2/15.03.2023	Rajajinagar	38.71
2	BESCOM/CGM(OP)/DGM(Op-1)/22-23/3/15.03.2023	Kengeri	52.79
3	BESCOM/CGM(OP)/DGM(Op-1)/22-23/4/15.03.2023	Rajarajeshwarinagara	28.95
4	BESCOM/CGM(OP)/DGM(Op-1)/22-23/5/15.03.2023	Mattikere	155.49
5	BESCOM/CGM(OP)/DGM(Op-1)/22-23/6/15.03.2023	Koramangala	123.65
6	BESCOM/CGM(OP)/DGM(Op-1)/22-23/7/15.03.2023	Whitefield	124.61
7	BESCOM/CGM(OP)/DGM(Op-1)/22-23/8/15.03.2023	Doddaballapura	377.68
8	BESCOM/CGM(OP)/DGM(Op-1)/22-23/9/15.03.2023	Yelahanka	212.75
9	BESCOM/CGM(OP)/DGM(Op-1)/22-23/10/15.03.2023	Hosakote	226.19
10	BESCOM/CGM(OP)/DGM(Op-1)/22-23/11/15.03.2023	Channapattana	108.62
11	BESCOM/CGM(OP)/DGM(Op-1)/22-23/12/15.03.2023	Magadi	207.80
12	BESCOM/CGM(OP)/DGM(Op-1)/22-23/13/15.03.2023	Kanakapura	227.79
13	BESCOM/CGM(OP)/DGM(Op-1)/22-23/14/15.03.2023	Chandapura	190.20
14	BESCOM/CGM(OP)/DGM(Op-1)/22-23/15/15.03.2023	Kolar	213.71
15	BESCOM/CGM(OP)/DGM(Op-1)/22-23/16/15.03.2023	Srinivaspura	140.61
16	BESCOM/CGM(OP)/DGM(Op-1)/22-23/17/15.03.2023	Malur	145.73
17	BESCOM/CGM(OP)/DGM(Op-1)/ 22-23/18/15.03.2023	Mulabagilu	155.65
18	BESCOM/CGM(OP)/DGM(Op-1)/22-23/19/15.03.2023	KGF	214.51
19	BESCOM/CGM(OP)/DGM(Op-1)/22-23/20/15.03.2023	Chikkaballapura	155.01
20	BESCOM/CGM(OP)/DGM(Op-1)/22-23/21/15.03.2023	Bagepalli	223.47
21	BESCOM/CGM(OP)/DGM(Op-1)/22-23/22/15.03.2023	Gowribidanur	375.76
22	BESCOM/CGM(OP)/DGM(Op-1)/22-23/23/15.03.2023	Chinthamani	289.06
23	BESCOM/CGM(OP)/DGM(Op-1)/22-23/24/15.03.2023	Shidlaghatta	217.39
24	BESCOM/CGM(OP)/DGM(Op-1)/22-23/25/15.03.2023	Gubbi	566.60
25	BESCOM/CGM(OP)/DGM(Op-1)/22-23/26/15.03.2023	Tumkur	402.31
26	BESCOM/CGM(OP)/DGM(Op-1)/22-23/27/15.03.2023	Kunigal	268.26
27	BESCOM/CGM(OP)/DGM(Op-1)/22-23/28/15.03.2023	Tiptur	380.08
28	BESCOM/CGM(OP)/DGM(Op-1)/22-23/29/15.03.2023	Chikkanayakanahalli	197.62
29	BESCOM/CGM(OP)/DGM(Op-1)/22-23/30/15.03.2023	Turvekere	212.59
30	BESCOM/CGM(OP)/DGM(Op-1)/22-23/31/15.03.2023	Pavgada	261.70
31	BESCOM/CGM(OP)/DGM(Op-1)/22-23/32/15.03.2023	Sira	360.88
32	BESCOM/CGM(OP)/DGM(Op-1)/22-23/33/15.03.2023	Koratagere	178.68
33	BESCOM/CGM(OP)/DGM(Op-1)/22-23/34/15.03.2023	Madhugiri	273.06
34	BESCOM/CGM(OP)/DGM(Op-1)/22-23/35/15.03.2023	Jagaluru	227.79
35	BESCOM/CGM(OP)/DGM(Op-1)/22-23/36/15.03.2023	Davangere	296.42
36	BESCOM/CGM(OP)/DGM(Op-1)/22-23/37/15.03.2023	Channagiri	223.47
37	BESCOM/CGM(OP)/DGM(Op-1)/22-23/38/15.03.2023	Harapanahalli	383.28
38	BESCOM/CGM(OP)/DGM(Op-1)/22-23/39/15.03.2023	Harihara	188.28
39	BESCOM/CGM(OP)/DGM(Op-1)/22-23/40/15.03.2023	Honnali	122.05
40	BESCOM/CGM(OP)/DGM(Op-1)/22-23/41/15.03.2023	Hosadurga	268.10
41	BESCOM/CGM(OP)/DGM(Op-1)/22-23/42/15.03.2023	Chitradurga RSD	315.77
42	BESCOM/CGM(OP)/DGM(Op-1)/22-23/43/15.03.2023	Holalkere	127.49
43	BESCOM/CGM(OP)/DGM(Op-1)/22-23/44/15.03.2023	Hiriyuru	316.25
44	BESCOM/CGM(OP)/DGM(Op-1)/22-23/45/15.03.2023	Challakere	347.29
45	BESCOM/CGM(OP)/DGM(Op-1)/22-23/46/15.03.2023	Molkalmuru	115.02

New Entrants:

Sl. No.	Enquiry No & date	Taluk / Division	Approx. Amount put to Tender in Lakhs
1	BESCOM/CGM(OP)/DGM(Op-1)/22-23/47/15.03.2023	Ramnagara	90.86
2	BESCOM/CGM(OP)/DGM(Op-1)/22-23/48/15.03.2023	Huliyar	131.75
3	BESCOM/CGM(OP)/DGM(Op-1)/22-23/49/15.03.2023	Mayasandra	141.73
4	BESCOM/CGM(OP)/DGM(Op-1)/22-23/50/15.03.2023	Nyamati	112.30
5	BESCOM/CGM(OP)/DGM(Op-1)/22-23/51/15.03.2023	Chitradurga CSD	165.24

The Bid documents will be obtained from e-procurement portal on or after **20.03.2023** at **16:00** Hrs. The last date for submission of bids is upto **04.04.2023** at **15:00** Hrs. The Techno Commercial bids will be opened on **10.04.2023** at **16:00** Hrs. Pre Bid Meeting is convened on **23.03.2023** at **11:00** AM at Board Room, 1st Floor, Belaku Bhavana, Corporate Office, BESCOM, K.R. Circle, Bengaluru-560001.

The Tender bid documents can be obtained through e-procurement by visiting Website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** Any further details required, it can be obtained from the office of the undersigned.

Sd/- Deputy General Manager (Ele.), Operations-1, BESCOM, 2nd Floor, K.R.Circle, Bengaluru-560 001, Ph.No: 080-22085074.

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Uptick in COVID cases: Health Ministry writes to State to study situation at micro level

Karnataka's TPR, which stood at 2.77% in the week ending March 15, higher than India's (0.61%)

Afshan Yasmeen
BENGALURU

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Concerned over the rise in COVID-19 cases in Karnataka, Union Health Secretary Rajesh Bhushan on Thursday wrote to the State to examine the situation of COVID-19 at the micro level (district and sub-districts) and maintain focus on implementation of necessary measures for prompt and effective management.

In his letter addressed to T.K. Anil Kumar, Karnataka Principal Secretary (Health and Family Welfare), on Thursday, Mr. Bhushan pointed out that Karnataka's test positivity rate (TPR), which stood at 2.77% in the week ending March 15, is higher than India's TPR of 0.61% during the same period. Karnataka reported an increase in weekly cases from 493 in the week ending March 8, 2023, to 604 in the week ending March 15, 2023.

From 234 cases in the week ending February 21, the number of cases shot up to 604 in the week ending March 15 in the State. The letter has mentioned four districts - Shivamogga, Kalaburagi, Mysuru, and Uttara Kannada - which have reported an increase in the total number of cases in the week ending March 15 as compared to the previous week.

Bengaluru epicentre

Although the Union Secretary's letter did not mention Bengaluru's increasing caseload and hospitalisations, the city continues to be the epicentre of COVID in the State. M.K. Sudarshan, chairman of the State's COVID-19 Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), told *The Hindu* that nearly 70% of the daily cases are being reported from Bengaluru. "The city has always been the State's COVID epicentre. The TPR in Bengaluru shot up from 5.17% on March 1 to 7.51% on March 15. Over 97% of the total hospitalisations in the State and over 70% of the daily cases are in Bengaluru. From 12 admissions on March 1, the number of hospitalisations rose to 63 on Thursday in Bengaluru. What is worrisome is the number of ICU admissions have also seen a three-fold rise," he said.

"Hence, Bengaluru needs to be added to the list of four districts mentioned in the Union Health Secretary's letter that need special attention (for COVID containment) while reviewing the situation at the State-level," he said.

Taking note of the rising trend, the TAC had recommended that the State conduct a clinical audit of the hospitalised patients and death audit of all the four fatalities reported since January. Following that the State Health Commissioner Randeep D. wrote to BBMP Special Commissioner (Health) K.V. Trilok Chandra asking the BBMP to start the clinical and death audit. "In view of concern over rising cases and based on the TAC's recommendations, it is necessary to investigate if there is any coinfection of H3N2 Influenza and COVID-19 as both share similar respiratory symptoms," stated the Commissioner's note.

Advising the State to ensure effective compliance with various advisories issued by the Union Health Ministry, Mr. Rajesh Bhushan's letter stated: "There are a few States which are reporting higher number of cases indicating possible localised spread of the infection. There is a need to follow a risk assessment-based approach to prevent and contain the infection, without losing the gains made so far in the fight against the pandemic."

There should be continued focus on adequate and proactive testing as per guidelines, monitoring new and emerging clusters of COVID cases, monitoring of ILI and SARI cases in health facilities or through dedicated fever clinics regularly for detecting early warning signals of the spread of infection and genomic sequencing for prescribed samples of international passengers, the letter added.

Board exam for classes V, VIII from March 27

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BENGALURU

After the High Court permitted the State government to hold the board exams for classes V and VIII, and amidst the threat from some private school managements of challenging the High Court's order in the Supreme Court, the Karnataka School Quality Assessment and Accreditation Council (KSQAAC) has announced the revised schedule for the examination.

The exams will be held from March 27 to April 1 across the State. Except for Maths, all the exams will be conducted in the afternoon from 2.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. The Maths exam will be held from 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

Held at school level

However, the KSQAAC has clarified that according to the court order, no students will be detained even if they fail in the examination. The council will send the question papers and the evaluation will be conducted at the school level.

The Department of School Education and Literacy has changed the method of assessment for classes V and VIII by conducting uniform examinations for all schools in the State by preparing common question papers from the academic year of 2022-23.

The department has announced the schedule on December 12, 2022.

But, the Organisation for Unaided Recognised Schools, Registered Unaided Private Schools' Management Association (RUPSA) Karnataka, and the Karnataka Unaided Schools Managements' Association (KUSMA) challenged the Government Order in the High Court.

The High Court quashed the Government Order on March 10. The department challenged it in the Division Bench of the High Court. On March 15, the High Court stayed the single judge's order of quashing the State government's circular on holding uniform exams for the students of classes V and VIII as per the new method of assessment.

It permitted the government to hold exams for the two classes as per the new assessment method after March 27 by rescheduling the dates.

Examination timetable

Date and day	Subjects: Class V	Subjects: Class VIII
27/03/2023, Monday	**First Language:** Kannada, English, Hindi, Urdu, Marathi, Telugu, Tamil	**First Language:** Kannada, English, Hindi, Urdu, Marathi, Telugu, Tamil, Sanskrit
28/03/2023, Tuesday	**Second Language:** English, Kannada	**Second Language:** English, Kannada
29/03/2023, Wednesday	**Environmental Studies**	**Third Language:** Hindi, Kannada, English, Arabic, Persian, Urdu, Sanskrit, Konkani, Tulu
30/03/2023, Thursday	**Mathematics**	**Mathematics**
31/03/2023, Friday	**No exam**	**Science**
01/04/2023, Saturday	**No exam**	**Social Science**

Two constables, who took bribe, dismissed

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Two police constables attached to Adugodi station, who were accused of forcing a couple to pay bribe for smoking on the footpath after threatening to foist a case a few months ago, were dismissed from service on Thursday.

The duo, identified as Aravind and Malappa Valikar, confronted the couple during patrolling while they were smoking on the footpath near a tea stall. The duo threatened to foist a case and slap a fine of ₹50,000. The couple tried to reason with them, but the duo reportedly treated them badly. They forced the couple to pay ₹4,000 and transferred it to the account of a tea vendor nearby. The couple later shared their ordeal on social media tagging police officers.

Taking serious note, the city Police Commissioner ordered a probe, and the duo were suspended. After completion of inquiry, they were found guilty and dismissed. The inquiry of other bribery cases involving policemen and a home guard are pending.

APPOINTMENTS

ANJUMAN-E-ISLAM DHARWAD
WANTED

As per the order of the Commissioner of Collegiate education Bangalore, Government of Karnataka Vide No ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಕಾಶಿಇ/263/ಖಾಪಹುಧ/ಧಾವಿ/2017-18/ಸೇವಿ-2 Dated: 13-03-2023 and the order of the Joint Director Collegiate Education Regional Office Dharwad Vide. No. ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಕಾಶಿಇ/ಪ್ರಾಕ್ಷಧಾ/101/ಖಾಪಹುಧ/ಜಇಎಸ್-1/2017-18 Dated: 14-03-2023 Applications are invited from the eligible candidates for the Post of **Assistant Professor in Anjuman Arts, Science, and Commerce College & PG Studies Dharwad,** managed by Anjuman- E- Islam Dharwad (Minority & Aided Institution) in the subjects **Kannada-01, Urdu-01,Education-01,History-01, Journalism-01, Library-01.** Qualifications, Eligibility, Age Limit, Pay Scale and selection Process will be as per the UGC Guidelines 2018 and Government of Karnataka. Applications on plain paper completed in all respects (in duplicate) along with necessary documents (Certificate) should reach within 21 days from this notification to the office of the President Anjuman-E-Islam. Opp. Old Central Bus Stand, Dharwad- 580001 on or before **6th April 2023** along with a DD of Rs. 2000/-(Rs 1000/- for SC/ST and Category-I) drawn in favour of **President Anjuman-E-Islam Dharwad Payable at Dharwad.** (Application fees is not refundable) Late & Incomplete applications will be rejected. Candidates called for interview will have to attend at their own cost.(No TA/DA will be Paid) A copy of application shall be submitted to Joint Director, Department of Collegiate Education Regional Office Dharwad - 580001 within the due date. For more details please contact : 9448326817.

Sd/- **IQBAL JAMADAR**
President
Date : 17-03-2023

Karnataka People's Education Society (R) Kalaburagi.
Dr. Ambedkar Auditorium. Police Parade Ground Road, Kalaburagi-585105.
Calling For Applications for the Posts of Assistant Professor in Aided Degree College.

In pursuance of the permission granted by the Commissioner, Dept of Collegiate Education, Bangaluru, Order number: DCE /32/HK/ FER/ GU/2018-19/ RS-2 Dated: 18.03.2023 and The Joint Director, Dept of Collegiate Education ,Regional Office- Kalaburagi, Order number: DCE / ROK/PFR /04/2022-23/4097, Dated 13.03.2023, **applications are invited for Direct Recruitment to the vacant Posts of Assistant Professor in Karnataka People's Education Society's Aided Degree Colleges.**

Sl No.	Subject	No of Posts	Reservation Applicable for Posts
1	Kannada	01	Reservation not Applicable for single post department
2	Hindi	01	Reservation not Applicable for single post department
3	Economics.	01	Reservation not Applicable for single post department
4	Commerce.	01	Reservation not Applicable for single post department
5	Physical Education.	01	Reservation not Applicable for single post department

Conditions:-
1. Bank DD for Rs 2000 payable to The General Secretary,KPES Kalaburagi, along with the application, and attested copies pertaining to Educational Qualification and Complete Personal Bio-data should be sent to The General Secretary. Karnataka People's Education Society, Dr. Ambedkar Auditorium, Police Parade Ground Road, Kalaburagi.585105 **by Registered Post or Speed Post within 21 days of the notification in the News Paper. The post applied for, should be clearly mentioned on the envelope.**
2.Educational Qualification : The Candidates should have secured 55% or above marks in the subject concern in Post Graduate or Equivalent Examination. (50% and above marks for SC and ST candidates.)The candidates should have passed NET/SLET examination. The candidates with PhD degree are exempt from NET/SLET examination. The required PhD degree should be with course work. If a candidate has acquired or registered for PhD degree before 11.07.2009, he/she will be subject to the conditions laid down by the UGC in its notification, dated 04.05.2016. For any recruitment, M Phil degree obtained after 11.07.2009. will not be considered.
3.Age Limit : As per the norms of the recruitment, the candidates should be within the minimum and maximum age limit. (As per the Govt Order dated 20.06.2018:ED/49/UPC/2018 the age limit for the candidates belonging to **SC, ST and Cat-Ist is 45 years, for OBC is 43 years and for GM is 40 years)**
4.Relaxation in Age Limit : For the Candidates having full time teaching experience in their respective subjects in private aided colleges, the relaxation in age limit will be equal to the period of their teaching experience or 05 years which ever is less . The relaxation in age limit will be granted to the candidates after their teaching experience certificates are duly attested by the Joint Director-Regional Office and The Commissioner Collegiate Education Department.
5.Salary and scale will be as per the norms of UGC and Govt of Karnataka.
6.Incomplete applications and applications received after the last date will not be considered.
7.The candidates should submit one copy of their application to the Joint Director Department of Collegiate Education. Regional Office, Government Degree College Premises – Kalaburagi.

The General Secretary
Karnataka People's Education Society Ph No. 08472-222106

Timings
BENGALURU

FRIDAY, MAR. 17
RISE 06:26 SET 18:30
RISE 02:38 SET 14:13

SATURDAY, MAR. 18
RISE 06:25 SET 18:30
RISE 03:37 SET 15:18

SUNDAY, MAR. 19
RISE 06:25 SET 18:30
RISE 04:30 SET 16:21

Bengaluru Weather	max	min
Tumakuru	32	23
Mysuru	32	20
Bengaluru	33	22

Bengaluru Today
31°C Morning will be slight cool with mist and haze. Day will be slight warm. Chances of light rain or thundershower at some places.

Bengaluru Tomorrow
30°C Morning will be pleasant. Day will be slight warm. Night will be pleasant. Spell of moderate rain and thundershower is likely to occur.

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21st Agri Unifest and CIDSA programmes inaugurated at UAS-B

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The 21st All-India Inter-Agricultural Universities Youth Festival (Agri Unifest) and Centre for Innovation Development in Smart Agriculture (CIDSA) programmes were inaugurated recently at the University of Agricultural Sciences, Bengaluru.

Speaking after the inaugural programme, Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar said that by adopting new technologies in agriculture, the youth should lay the foundation for building the future of India. If new technology is adopted in the field of agriculture, farmers' farming will become easier and more profitable. In order to prevent financial leakage, digital technology has been provided to increase farmers' income through new technology in agriculture. He said that India has various languages and a culturally rich country is a model for other countries.

Shajee Kozhukkunnon, Senior Director, Hexagon Manufacturing Intelligence, in his address said that the project CIDSA is being implemented for the first time in the country in public private partnership for the benefit of stakeholders in agriculture.

Text & Context
A weekday feature on *The Hindu* epaper (epaper.thehindu.com) carries explainers, special articles and a quiz. In the latest issue (March 17, Friday), the following article is available:

■ **World Insight** | The all-powerful Sri Lankan Presidency
bit.ly/srilankapresidentpowers

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Cab driver killed over financial row

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A 30-year-old cab driver returning home was killed after an SUV knocked down his bike before running over him in front of his friends at Byaragondanahalli in Madanayakanahalli on Wednesday night.

Chandrashekhar was returning home with friends after a party when the incident occurred around 9 p.m. His friends alleged that it was a murder as the SUV ran over Chandrashekhar after knocking his bike down to ensure he is killed.

A probe revealed that Chandrashekhar had a financial dispute and had heated arguments with a gang before returning home.

His friend alleged that a local goon, who runs a finance business giving money at exorbitant interests for gambling, wanted to recover the loan amount. His friends alleged that this could be the reason behind the murder.

The Madanayakanahalli police are probing the case.

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Man kills daughter over domestic row

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BENGALURU

The Kodigehalli police on Thursday arrested a 60-year-old man for allegedly bludgeoning his 32-year-old-daughter to death over a domestic row at his house in Virupakshappa layout on Wednesday night.

The accused, Ramesh, a retired BEL employee, called the police to inform about the death of his daughter. The police rushed to the spot and found Asha in a pool of blood. Upon inquiry, Ramesh confessed to the crime.

He told the police that Asha had completed her fashion designing course and worked as a lecturer at a private institute. She was married in 2020 and later separated from her husband over a domestic row and had returned to her parents house and started living with them.

Ramesh told the police that Asha used to behave rudely and harass the family. Unable to bear the harassment, Ramesh, after a heated argument, attacked her with a club multiple times killing her on the spot.

The police have registered a case of murder against Ramesh charging him under murder and also questioning the other family members to ascertain their possible roles in the crime.

CCB seizes ₹2.4 crore worth of drugs, arrests 13 peddlers

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

In a series of operations across the city for the last one week, officials of the Central Crime Branch (CCB) busted an inter-State drug racket, arrested 13 peddlers, and recovered synthetic drugs worth ₹2.4 crore.

S.D. Sharanappa, Joint Commissioner of Police heading the CCB wing, said the peddlers have adopted a novel modus operandi to peddle drugs to their customers, ranging from communicating and sharing the location through WhatsApp to delivering the drugs using courier and delivery apps.

The CCB carried out operations in nine places across the city, including Hennur, Kodigehalli, HSR Layout, Puttenahalli, Talaghattapura, Koramangala, Bommanahalli, K.R. Pura, and Banasawadi police station limits.

Citing a case in Talaghattapura, the officials said the local peddlers operated a contactless supply method and would get the delivery orders from their boss operating from Kerala. The accused would place the drugs in an isolated place and share the location with the consumers through their boss. The accused would then wait at a distance to confirm about the consumer reaching the spot and picking up the consignment .

In another case, the police arrested a peddler from Chamarajanagar who modified the backseat of his car to create a secret chamber to store the drugs. He would visit the consumers directly and deliver the drugs.

Source of drugs

"Many of the local peddlers are sourcing drugs from foreign peddlers from Bengaluru and even other parts of the State. Investigations are on to track down the source of the drugs," Mr. Sharanappa said. City Police Commissioner C.H. Pratap Reddy appreciated the CCB operation and said the police have come across information that a majority of the consumers are students of reputed colleges and IT/BT professionals, who are under the scanner.

Apart from busting drug cases, the city police are also working on breaking the chain of supply through various measures and stepping up vigil, he said.

Applications invited

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Bangalore University has invited applications for admission to Ph.D. programme. The last date to apply without fine is April 6. The last date for submitting a hard copy is April 21. Details on https://eng.bangaloreuniversity.ac.in

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VISVESVARAYA JALA NIGAM LIMITED
(Government of karnataka Enterprise)
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E-mail: eeyetmadhugiri4@gmail.com
Sl No: EE:VJNL/YHP/Div-No.4/Madhugiri/NIT-18-1/2022-23 Dated:14.03.2023

Corrigendum-1
(Through E-procurement system)

Following modification have been made to the tender notification no.18/2022-23 dated: 24.02.2023
Particulars : Cutoff dates for the tender process: 1. Late date for receiving Draft tender booklet & submission of filled tenders. **As per original notification** : From 01.03.2023 to 08.03.2023 up to 5.30 PM **As per modified notification** : From 15.03.2023 to 23.03.2023 up to 5.30 PM 2. Date of opening of bid's : As per original notification : 10.03.2023 As per modified notification : 24.03.2023 at 5.45 PM. Remaining conditions remains unaltered.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
V.J.N.L, YHP Division No.4, Madhugiri.

PUBLIC NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE that our client proposes to purchase an extent of **108.00** Square Meters more particularly described in the schedule herein below and hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Schedule Property" from its owners Mrs. EZHIL SUMATHI. B W/o P.T. Thomas & Mr. P.T. THOMAS S/o C. Thankachan residing at Flat No.103, I floor, Sagar Park View Apt No.25, Tank Bund Road, Brundavan Nagar, SBM Colony, Mathikere, Bangalore-560054.

If any person/s, entity, firm, institution (corporate or otherwise) has or claims any right, title, interest, claim, pending litigation or demand of any nature in or upon the Vendor and/or upon the Schedule Property or any part thereof, the same may be brought to the notice of the undersigned in writing together with all details of the right, title, interest, claim, pending litigation, or demand made together with supporting documents within Fifteen (15) days from the date of this notice, failing which such claim shall be considered to have been waived and/or given up and our client shall be entitled to complete the sale in respect of the Schedule Property. Objections and/or claims received after the expiry of the period stipulated above shall neither be entertained nor be binding on our client.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of vacant residential site bearing No. 973, 8th Block, FURTHER EXTENSION OF SIR. M. VISVESHWARAIAHNAGARA Lay-out, formed by BDA, Bangalore Measuring East to West 9.00 Meters, North to South 12.00 Meters, admeasuring 108.00 Sq Mtrs and the same is bounded on:

EAST BY : Site No. 974, WEST BY : Site No. 972, NORTH BY : Site No. 948, SOUTH BY : Road.

Avadhutha's Solicitors
Chethan Kumar .K, Advocate
Office at New No.47, old No.99, 3rd Floor, 4th Cross, 2nd Main Road, Hanumanthanagar, Bangalore-560019.
PH 9591233633, 9535332332
Place: Bangalore Date: 16/03/2022

Office of the Executive Engineer
PWD Ramanagara Division, Ramanagara

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION No. 16/2022-23 Dated: 15.03.2023

Short Term Tender invited from qualified contractors for the works through e-procurement portal as per standard bid document. The eligible contractors can participate in this tender through e-procurement portal http:www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in Documents may be downloaded from Dt : **17-03-2023** & last date for submission of tenders Dt : **24-03-2023** up to **16.00** hours. Date of opening of Technical bid Dt : **27-03-2023** at **11.00** hours (If possible). Tender processing fees & EMD as per E-Procurement. No of works 01. Estimate Cost Rs. 288.00 lakhs.

For more information contact the above office during office hours.

Note : Here after any changes with reference to this Notification will be Notified in E-Portal Only.

Sd/- **Executive Engineer,**
PWD Ramanagar Division, Ramanagara.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The general public are hereby notified that, my client **T.NAGARAJU,** aged about 43 years, S/o.Thimmappa, Residing at No. 13/2, Lakshmaiah Reddy Lyt, 11 E Main Road, Kacharakanhalli, Bangalore-84, has lost Original documents (1) Deed of Declaration Nos.13757/22-23 & 13758/22-23, both dated 07.11.22, registered at the office of the Sub-registrar, Banaswadi pertaining to Property bearing site No.32, katha No.270/32, formed in **SY No.11/3, Maragondanahalli village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk,** measuring East to West 40 feet and North To South 30 Feet. In this regard e-lost report was filed on 16.03.2023, vide No. 0502525/2023, with Bangalore City, Police. If any person/s finds the said documents kindly inform the above stated person or address mentioned below. If any person/s misuses the said document, the same is not binding on our client and they shall do so at their own risk.

C.K.V.K. LAW ASSOCIATES
Mr. VENKATESH CHANDRAN M.A., L.L.B.
Advocates & Legal Consultants
Bangalore-43. M: 9845846428, 7204863700

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the public that our client intends to purchase the property mentioned in the Schedule hereunder.

ALL PERSONS having any claim in respect thereof by way of sale, exchange, gift, mortgage, charge, trust, inheritance, possession, lease, lien or otherwise howsoever are requested to inform the same in writing to the undersigned having their office at No. 307, M/s Law Links, St. Marks Road, Bangalore: 560 001, **within 7 days** from the date hereof failing which, the persons will be considered to have been waived and/or abandoned and the transfer shall be completed.

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of property bearing House **No. 9,** ITI notified area, Katha No. 239/A/76/1 situated at **Kowdenahalli, Ramamurthynagar, K R Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk,** measuring East to West 46 Feet and North to South 30 feet along with stones slab compound wall and bounded on the:

East : 20 feet Road, West : Road, North :Road, South : House No. 8.

Adv. C.V. Siju, M/s. LAW LINKS,
No.307, 3 Floor, Sophia's Choice, St Marks Road, Bangalore-560001, 9845062318, advevsiju@gmail.com
Date : 16-03-2023 Bangalore

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General public are hereby notified that, our clients have agreed to purchase the Schedule Property from its Owners **SRI.M.S.SATISH KUMAR and SRI.M.S.RAGHAVENDRA** sons of late Sri.M.H.Sreenivasa Murthy, residing in the Schedule Property. The Owners represent that they are the absolute owners of the Schedule Property and they have good marketable, right, title and interest therein.

Apart from the above owners, if any person has any manner of claim, right, title, interest or demand of any nature in or over the Schedule property or any part thereof, the same shall be filed with the undersigned with supporting documents, within **14 days** from the date of this Notice. Objections and or the claims received after expiry of the stipulated time will not be binding on our clients and our clients will proceed with the sale transaction.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the residing property bearing **Municipal No.13 (PID No.58-96-13) and Municipal No.13/1 (PID No.58-96-13/1)**, Old No.614 & CITB/BDA Site No.614, measuring East to West 30ft, and North to South 50ft, in all measuring 1,500 Sq.ft, with a house thereon comprised of Ground and First Floors, situated at **45th Cross Road, 8th Block, Jayanagar**, Bengaluru, within the administrative jurisdiction of BBMP and bounded as follows :

East by : 1st Main Road
West by : Property bearing No.613
North by : Property bearing No.589
South by : 45th Cross Road/South End Road.

Sd/- BAYYA REDDY. M
ISHA LAW CHAMBERS LLP,
Advocates & Solicitors,
No.101, 4th Floor, Sri Manjunatha Complex, Opp Banashankari BDA Complex, 22nd Main Road, BSK 2nd Stage, Bengaluru-560070

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Senior Assistant Director of Horticulture, No. 340/A, 5th Main, RHCS Layout, Annapoorneshwarinagar, Nagarabhavi, Rajarajeshwarinagar Zone, Bengaluru - 560091.

No: BBMP/SADH/RRN/TEN/PR/237/2022-23 Date: 16-03-2023

INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT) - (SHORT TERM)
(Two Cover System) (Through GOK e-Procurement Portal only)

The Senior Assistant Director of Horticulture (Rajarajeshwari Nagar Zone), BBMP, Bengaluru (Referred to as Employer in these documents) invites tenders in accordance with KTTP Rules 2000, from eligible and experienced Person / Agencies/ Firms (Referred to as Tenderers in these documents) registered for Maintenance of Borewell.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work / Category	Estimated Amount (in Rs.)	EMD (in Rs.)
1	Drilling of Borewell & Replacement of New UG Cable, New Pipeline Works, Installation of Pipes and Work, Panel Board and Other Repair Works at NGEF Layout Mallathahalli 7th Cross Park in Ward No. 160, RR Nagar Zone. **(Others)**	9,00,000/-	22,500/-
2	Drilling of Borewell at Kalabyraveshwara Park Part-1 to Part-4 in Ward No. 160, RR Nagar Zone. **(Others)**	7,37,500/-	18,438/-
3	Drilling of Borewell at Siddalingaiah Park Javeregowdana Doddi in Ward No. 160, RR Nagar Zone. **(Others)**	7,37,500/-	18,438/-
4	Drilling of Borewell at Kenchenahalli Park in Ward No. 160, RR Nagar Zone. **(Others)**	7,37,500/-	18,438/-

Calendar of Events: **1)** Tender documents may be downloaded from the GOK e-Procurement Website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in from 17-03-2023. 2)** Date of Tender Closing: **24-03-2023 upto 16.00 Hrs. 3)** Date of Opening of Technical Bid: **27-03-2023 at 11.30 Hrs. 4)** Date of Opening of Financial Bid: **29-03-2023 at 11.30 Hrs. (if possible).** Further details can be had from the above office.

Sd/- Senior Assistant Director of Horticulture, Rajarajeshwarinagar Zone, BBMP.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that **Mr. LINGAMGUNTA MALAKONDAIAH, and others** are willing to sell the schedule property in favour of my Client **Sri.Suresh.B son of Late. Bettappa** free from all encumbrances. Any person having any right, title, interest, claim or demand of any natsite whatsoever in respect of the said property, is hereby required to make the same known in writing along with the documentary proof thereof, to the below mentioned his Counsel Mr.ANANDA.M. Office at No:51. Kotur. Muthsandra Post, Via Varthur Bangalore, **within 07 days** from the date of publication hereof, failing which the negotiations shall be completed, without any reference to such claims and the claims if any, shall be deemed to have been given up or waived.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the agricultural Dry land bearing **Survey No. 108/2** measuring 14.08 guntas situated at **Varthur Village, Varthur Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk,** with all rights appurtenances whatsoever hereunder ur underneath or above the surface and bounded on : **EAST BY :** Land belongs to Vishnu and Francis, **WEST BY :** Remaining Portion of the same Sy No 108/2, belongs to Nalina Kumari and Sri V.M. Narayanappa, **NORTH BY :** Private Property, **SOUTH BY :** Halasa Halli Road.

SRI. ANANDA.M. Advocate,
No. 51, Kotur, Muthsandra Post, Via Varthur, Banalore-560 07.
Mobile: 9886152917.
Bangalore Dated :16-03-2023

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring to the notice of the general public that our client **Mrs. AHONGSHANGBAM SANGEETA DEVI W/o. Dr. Pramod Singh Rajput**, is intending to purchase the schedule property mentioned hereunder from **Smt.LALITHA H.M. S/o. Mr.Nanjappa,** and others .any person/s objecting for the proposed purchase or are having any right, title, interest or any type of claim over the scheduled property is hereby called upon to file their objections/claims what so ever along with documentary proof within **7 days** from the date of this public notice with the under mentioned advocate failing which; our client shall proceed and complete the sale transaction with the above stated person.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and Parcel of the Vacant Immovable Property bearing Property **No.2/1,** katha No.2/1, **Nadagowda Gollahalli Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore,** Measuring East to West 66 Feet, and North to South 66 Feet, In all Measuring **4356 Square feet,** and bounded on the: **East by: Jayamma Property, West by: Road, North by: Govt Road, South by: Property No.2/1 remaining property.**

C.K.V.K. LAW ASSOCIATES
Mr. VENKATESH CHANDRAN M.A., L.L.B.
Advocates & Legal Consultants
Bangalore-43. M: 9845846428, 7204863700

KRISHNA BHAGYA JALA NIGAM LIMITED
(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
Office of the Executive Engineer, KBJNL, ALBC Division,Almatti-586201.
Tq:B.Bagewadi Dt: Vijayapur. Phone:08426-281044,

No:KBJNL/ALBC-DN/DM/TND/Canal AME works/2022-23/3325 Date: 14.03.2023

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through e-procurement only)

On behalf of the Managing Director, KBJNL, Bangalore, the Executive Engineer KBJNL, ALBC Division Almatti the under undersigned invites tender on **Percentage basis** in **Single cover** system in **KW-2** documents from **KPWD Class-I with labour registered** contractors for the work **AME works**. **Indent No. 24260 & 24250**. Approx. amount put to tender: **Rs. 81.62 lakhs**.

The contractor can have access and submission of completed e-tender document of from **16.03.2023 to 24.03.2023** up to 5.00 pm. The Cover –I (Technical & Financial bid) will be opened in the under signed office on **27.03.2023** at 11.00 AM.

The rights of acceptance/rejection of tender at any time, without giving any reason had with undersigned. Further information about electronic tendering can be had from http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in/eportal/ines.seam **and** www.kbjnl.karnataka.gov.in **and can be had from the office of undersigned during office hours.**

Sd/- Executive Engineer,KBJNL, ALBC Division, Almatti
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PUBLIC NOTICE

My Client intends to purchase the property more particularly described in the Schedule hereunder from the **Sri.Kodanda Rama B.V and Sri.Thulasi Ram B.V** the present owners who have represented that they have a clear and marketable title to the same. Any person/s, financial institutions and statutory authorities who claims any right, title or interest of any nature in or any lien, charge or enforceable right in relation to the Schedule Property and/or has any objections of any nature to the aforesaid transaction should lodge such claim and/or objections in writing to the undersigned together with supporting documents within fifteen **(15) days** hereof, failing which it will be presumed that no valid claims or objections subsist and my clients would proceed to complete the transaction with the present owners thereof subject to compliance with other statutory and legal formalities.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

ITEM NO – I

All that piece and parcel of the immovable property being agricultural dry land measuring an extent of about 0.21.08 guntas comprised in Sy.No.140/5 of Harobande Village, Kasaba Hobli, Chikkaballapura Taluk and District and bounded on the:

East by : Lands comprised in Sy.No.140/6
West by : Lands comprised in Sy.No.141/6
North by : Lands comprised in Sy.No.140/4
South by : Lands comprised in Sy.No.258 and Sy.No 141/6

ITEM NO – II

All that piece and parcel of the immovable property being agricultural dry land measuring an extent of about 0.21.04 guntas comprised in Sy.No.140/6 of Harobande Village, Kasaba Hobli, Chikkaballapura Taluk and District and bounded on the:

East by : Road
West by : Lands comprised in Sy.No.140/5
North by : Lands comprised in Sy.No.140/4
South by : Lands comprised in Sy.No.258

VIJAY. K , ADVOCATE
#13, 1st Floor, 7th Temple Street, Malleshwaram, Bangalore 560 003, Mob : 99800-18455, E-mail : vijaykupur@yahoo.com
Bangalore Date :17/03/2023

BEFORE THE KARNATAKA STATE CONSUMER DISPUTES REDRESSAL COMMISSION, BASAVA BHAVAN, BANGALORE : 560 001

APPEAL No. 415 / 2019

Appellant : 1. B.E. Billimoria & Co. Ltd., Regd. Office at: Sivsagar Estate, A Block, II Floor, Dr. A.B. Road, Worli, Mumbai-400018, Also having office at: 401-402, 4th Floor, Sigma Wing, Raheja Tower, 177 Anna Salai, Chennai-600002. Rep. by its Head-Operations (South), B. Singaravelu.
(By Shri/Smt. R. Sreedhar)

Respondents : 1. ICICI Bank, Indiranagar Branch, No.515, MPS Towers, CMH Road, Indiranagar, Bangalore-560038, Rep. by its Branch Manager.

2. M/s ACEA BEE Corporation, No.7/3, II Cross, J C Road, Bangalore-560002 Rep. by its Proprietor, Mr. Syed Toudifulla.
(By Shri/Smt)

To, 2. M/s ACEA BEE Corporation, No.7/3, II Cross, J C Road, Bangalore-560002 Rep. by its Proprietor. Mr. Syed Toudifulla.

NOTICE TO THE RESPONDENT No.02 FOR HEARING OF APPEAL IN ENGLISH DAILY NEWS PAPER "THE HINDU" BENGALURU EDITION

Whereas the Appellant has filed the above appeal Challenging the order passed by the District Consumer Commission Bangalore Urban 1 Addl. in Complaint No. 1598/2015 pronounced by an order dated : 30/05/2018. You are hereby notified to appear before this Hon'ble Commission in person or through a pleader or person authorized as per law to answer all the material question of facts and law relating to the Appeal **on 13th Day of June Two Thousand and Twenty Three (13/06/2023) at 11.00 AM.**

Take notice that in case of default of your appearance on the day mentioned above Appeal will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under the hand and seal of this Commission on this **22nd day of February Two Thousand and Twenty Three (22/02/2023).**

By order of the Commission,
ASST. REGISTRAR CUM ASST. ADMN. OFFICER, K.S.C.D.R.C, BANGALORE:560001

Advocate for Appellant : **R. SREEDHAR, L.S. MOHAN RAO**, Advocates
No. 9, 1st Cross, Lavelle Road, Bangalore - 560 001.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that my client viz., **Mrs. K.V. SHOBHA,** W/o. Late. M. Parathasarathy, intends to purchase the Schedule Property from its owners, viz., **1) Mr. ARJUN KALRA,** Reptd., by his GPA Holder & Father, Mr. Rajeev Kalra, and **2) Mrs. RITIKA KALRA,** W/o. Suhas Vinchurkar,, Reptd., by her GPA Holder & Mother, Mrs. Nandini Kalra, W/o. Rajeev Kalra, ever since the date of acquisition, 1) Mr. ARJUN KALRA & 2) Mrs. RITIKA KALRA, have been continuing in peaceful possession and enjoyment of the Schedule Property and the same is free from all liabilities and encumbrances.

Any person/s or financial institution/s objecting/claiming any right/s, charges, mortgages whatsoever on the Schedule Property may lodge his/her/their objections and/or claims with the undersigned along with supporting documentary evidence within 10 (Ten) days from the date of the publication and any objections, claims received thereafter will not be binding on my client and my client will proceed thereafter as if there are no claimants/objectors.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing Site No. 154, Municipal No. 133/134/154, in the Layout formed by CIL. Employees' House Building Cooperative Society Ltd approved by Bangalore Development Authority in several Survey Nos. situated at Kothihosahalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, name as 'CIL Layout II Phase' Bangalore 560 092, measuring East to West: 40-0 Feet and North to South: 60-0 Feet, in all measuring 2400–0 Sq. Feet and bounded on: East by: Site No. 155; West by: Site No. 153; North by: Site No. 146 & 147 & South by: Road.

Bangalore
Dated: 17.03.2023

(H.S. RUKKOJI RAO)
Advocate
No. 14, S.K. Prerana, 2nd Floor, Nagappa Road, Seshadripuram, Bangalore-560 020. (M) 98455 75914
rukkojirao@hsrandassociates.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to notify the General Public that our client Mr.Salman Khalid, Son of Mr.Mohammed Rahamathulla Sharief, residing at No.30/11, 4th Floor, Flat No.E2, 'Redifice Ambrosia Apartments', 1st Cross, Millers Road, Benson Town, Bangalore 560046, has either lost or mislaid the original (1) Sale Deed dated 16/02/1979, registered as Document No. 3210/1978-79 in Book-I, Volume 1559 at Pages 45 to 47 to in the Office of Sub-Registrar, Hoskote Taluk executed by Sri.Chikkanna and (2) Sale Deed dated 30/03/1981 registered as Document No.4425 in Book-I, Volume 1617 at Pages 114 to 115 in the Office of Sub-Registrar, Hoskote Taluk executed by Sri.Narayanappa in respect of property measuring 5 Acres 11 Guntas in Sy.No.11, situated at Margondanahalli Village, Jadigenahalli Hobli, Hoskote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District. In this regard a Police complaint is lodged before J.C Nagar Police Station, Bangalore on 08/03/2023. Public are hereby notified that if any one finds the original of the said documents, they may deliver the same to the undersigned or to our aforesaid client Mr.Salman Khalid immediately. If anyone deals with the original of the aforesaid documents or makes any claim on the said property on the basis of said documents other than Mr.Salman Khalid, he/she/they will not derive any right and such transaction will not bind our client.

YASEEN BABU,
K.M. LEGAL ADVOCATES,
No.1C, 'WILOCRISA', # 14, Rest House Crescent Road, BANGALORE-560001.
Ph : 080-25592786
Email: kmlegaladvocates@gmail.com
Place: Bangalore **Date:** 16/03/2023

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Senior Assistant Director of Horticulture (Bommanahalli), BBMP Office CMC Building, Begur Road, Bommanahalli Zone, Bengaluru-560 068.

No.SADH/TENDER/PR/171/2022-23 Date:16.03.2023

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER (IFT)
(Through GOK e-Procurement Portal only) (Two Cover System)

The Senior Assistant Director of Horticulture, Bommanahalli Zone invites tenders from eligible tenderers for providing the following works in various wards in Bommanahalli Zone as detailed in the table below:

Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Estimated Cost (Rs.)	EMD (in Rs.)
1.	Maintenance of Park at Royal Lake front residency layout stage 3, 6th and 7th Cross Park-4 in Gottigere Ward No. 194 *(Others).*	5,75,000/-	11,500/-
2.	Maintenance of Park at Muneshwara Temple in Gottigere Ward No. 194*(Others).*	3,75,000/-	7,500/-
3.	Maintenance of Park 11th Main, 18th Cross, 1st Block in Gottigere Ward No. 197*(Others).*	2,70,000/-	5,400/-
4.	Maintenance of Park 4th Main, 5th Cross, Maruthi Layout in Gottigere Ward No. 197*(Others).*	2,85,000/-	5,700/-
5.	Maintenance of Park Opposite Arya Elegance Apartment Narayana Nagara, 3rd Block in Gottigere Ward No. 197 Vasanthapura, *(ST)*	7,14,375/-	14,288/-
6.	Maintenance of Park at Raja gardeniya park, Turahalli Ward No. 184, Uttarahalli *(SC).*	12,50,000/-	25,000/-
7	Maintenance of Park at Banashankari 5th Stage, 6th main, 3rd Cross, Opposite Patalamma Temple Road in ward No. 184, Uttarahalli *(Others).*	11,50,000/-	23,000/-
8	Maintenance of Park at ward No. 196, Anjanapura ABCD Park Arya Hamsa Apartment Opposite *(SC).*	6,87,000/-	13,750/

1) Tender documents may be downloaded from GoK e-procurement portal from **18.03.2023 onwards. 2)** Last date for submission of tenders: **29.03.2023 upto 5.00 p.m. 3)** Opening of Technical Bids**: 31.03.2023**. Further details can be accessed from GoK e-procurement website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** or contact the office of the undersigned.

Sd/- Senior Assistant Director of Horticulture (Bommanahalli Zone)

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA

ವಿಜಯನಗರ ವೈದ್ಯಕೀಯ ವಿಜ್ಞಾನ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆ, ಬಳ್ಳಾರಿ.
Cantonment Area,Director:8147796529,
PA: 8147796539, website: vims.karnataka.gov.in
e-mail : vimsballaridirector@karnataka.gov.in , directorvimsballari@gmail.com

NO. VIMS/SUP/TEND/D.S/05/2022-23 DATED: 16.03.2023.

e-TENDER NOTIFICATION

Tenders are invited from the eligible Bidders for Supply of Surgical Disposables to VIMS, Ballari for a period of One year under Two bid system through e-procurement portal **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** of Government of Karnataka as per the KTPP Act-1999-2000. The interested Bidders are requested to submit Tender in above said e-portal on or before **10.04.2023 @5.00PM**. The total approximate cost of tender is **Rs.199.95** Lakhs. Further details may be obtained in the above said website and **www.vims.karnataka.gov.in**.

Sd/- Director, VIMS, Bellary.
DIPR/Ballari/1039/KSMCA/2022-23

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN : U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No. CEE/TZ/EE(C)-2/AEE(C)-2/2022-23/25571-74 Date: 16.03.2023

BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION (E-PROCUREMENT MODE ONLY)

Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited invites tenders for the following work. **Name of the work:** Providing RCC Retaining wall cum solid block security compound wall at 66/11KV S/s (Gollahalli) Bannerghatta. **Estimate Cost in** Rs. 2,67,65,000/- (Inclusive of all taxes). **Period:** 6 Months. Further details of the tender can be obtained from website **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** on hyperlink E-Procurement **on or after 20.03.2023.** Other details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned.

Sd/- Chief Engineer (Ele), Transmission Zone, KPTCL, Anand Rao Circle, Bengaluru – 560 009. Ph: 080 - 22356320

ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ನಗರಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಕೋಶ
ಜಿಲ್ಲಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಲಯ, ಬಾಗಲಕೋಟೆ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ,
ಬಾಗಲಕೋಟೆ – 587103. ದೂರವಾಣಿ : 08354 – 235091.
ಇ–ಮೇಲ್: dudc_bgk@yahoo.co.in, ltstaffdudc_bagalkote@yahoo.co.in
ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ : ಜಿನಕೋಬಾ/ನಗರೋತ್ಥಾನ ಹಂತ–4/ಎಸ್.ಡಬ್ಲ್ಯೂ.ಎಂ./2022–23
ದಿನಾಂಕ : 15–03–2023

ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ
(ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ)

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕತೆ ಆದ್ಯಾದೇಶ 1999, ನಿಯಮಾವಳಿಗಳು 2000 ರಂತೆ **ಬಾಗಲಕೋಟೆ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಬರುವ ಮಾನ್ಯ ಮುಖ್ಯ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳ ಅಮೃತ ನಗರೋತ್ಥಾನ ಹಂತ–4 ರಲ್ಲಿಯ ಕಟ್ಟಡ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ, ಹಂತ–4 ರ ಪ್ರೋತ್ಸಾಹ ಧನದಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿಯ ಕಟ್ಟಡ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಬಾಗಲಕೋಟೆ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯ ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ನಗರಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಕೋಶದಲ್ಲಿ** ಎಸ್.ಡಬ್ಲ್ಯೂ.ಎಂ. ಎಕ್ಸ್‌ಪರ್ಟ್ ರವರನ್ನು ಹೊರಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ ಮೂಲಕ ನೇಮಕಾತಿ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳಲು ಇ–ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ : **http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದ್ದು, ಸದರಿ ಎಲ್ಲ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಹಾಗೂ ಇತರೆ ಸೂಚನೆಗಳನ್ನು ಇ–ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ತಿಳಿಸಲಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ.

ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ : **1) DMA/2022-23/OW/WORK_INDENT148892, 2) DMA/2022-23/OW/WORK_INDENT148856, 3) DMA/2022-23/OW/WORK_INDENT148843, 4) DMA/2022-23/OW/WORK_INDENT148589, 5) DMA/2022-23/OW/WORK_INDENT149006, 6) DMA/2022-23/OW/WORK_INDENT147712, 7) DUDC/BGK/SWM-EXPERT/2023-24/01.**

ಸೂಚನೆ : ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಹಾಗೂ ಇತರೆ ತಿದ್ದುಪಡಿಗಳು ಇದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ ಇ–ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ತಿಳಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು. ಯಾವುದೇ ದಿನ ಪತ್ರಿಕೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಲಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ.

ಸಹಿ/– ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು,
ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ನಗರಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಕೋಶ,
ಬಾಗಲಕೋಟೆ.

ಡಿಐಪಿಆರ್/ಬಾಗಲಕೋಟ/1011/ಮನೆಪಾಲ್/2022–23

KRISHNA BHAGYA JALA NIGAM LIMITED
(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
Office of the Executive Engineer, KBJNL, Dam Division, Almatti-586201. Tq:B.Bagewadi Dt: Vijayapur.
Phone:08426-281027 E-mail:dam_division@rediffmail.com

No: KBJNL/DDA/DB/TND/2022-23/3705 Dated:15.03.2023

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through E-Procurement Portal Only)

On behalf of the Managing Director, KBJNL, Bangalore the undersigned invites tender on percentage basis from the eligible contractors for the work of **(1) Bilagi Constituency (SCP Potential) Indent No. 23330 of Rs. 84.72 Lakhs (Others) (Call-4) (2) Bilagi Constituency (SCP Potential) Indent No. 24370 of Rs. 95.27 Lakhs (Others) (3) Bilagi Constituency (SCP Potential) Indent No. 24371 of Rs. 95.27 Lakhs (Others) (4) Bilagi Constituency (SCP Potential) Indent No. 24369 of Rs. 95.28 Lakhs (Others) (5) Bagalkot Constituency (SCP Potential) Indent No. 24176 of Rs. 79.72 Lakhs (Others) (Call-2) (6) Bagalkot Constituency (TSP Potential) Indent No. 24180 of Rs. 54.46 Lakhs (Others) (Call-2) (1) Indent No. 23813 of Rs. 69.88 Lakhs (Call-2) (2) Indent No. 24044 of Rs. 210.86 Lakhs (Call-2). The contractor can have access and submit e-tender from 16.03.2023 to 23.03.2023 up to 5-00PM. Pre-bid meeting (Indent No. 24044) held on Dated: 20.03.2023 at 11-00AM Office of the Executive Engineer, KBJNL, Dam Division, Almatti. Cover-I (Technical) Bid will be opened on 27.03.2023 at 11-00AM Cover-II (Financial Bid) will be opened on 30.03.2023 at 11-00AM** at the Office of the Executive Engineer, KBJNL, Dam Division, Almatti. For clarifications office of the undersigned may be contacted during office hours (Phone No. 08426-281027). Further information about electronic tendering can be had from http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in/eportal/index.seam.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, KBJNL, Dam Division, Almatti
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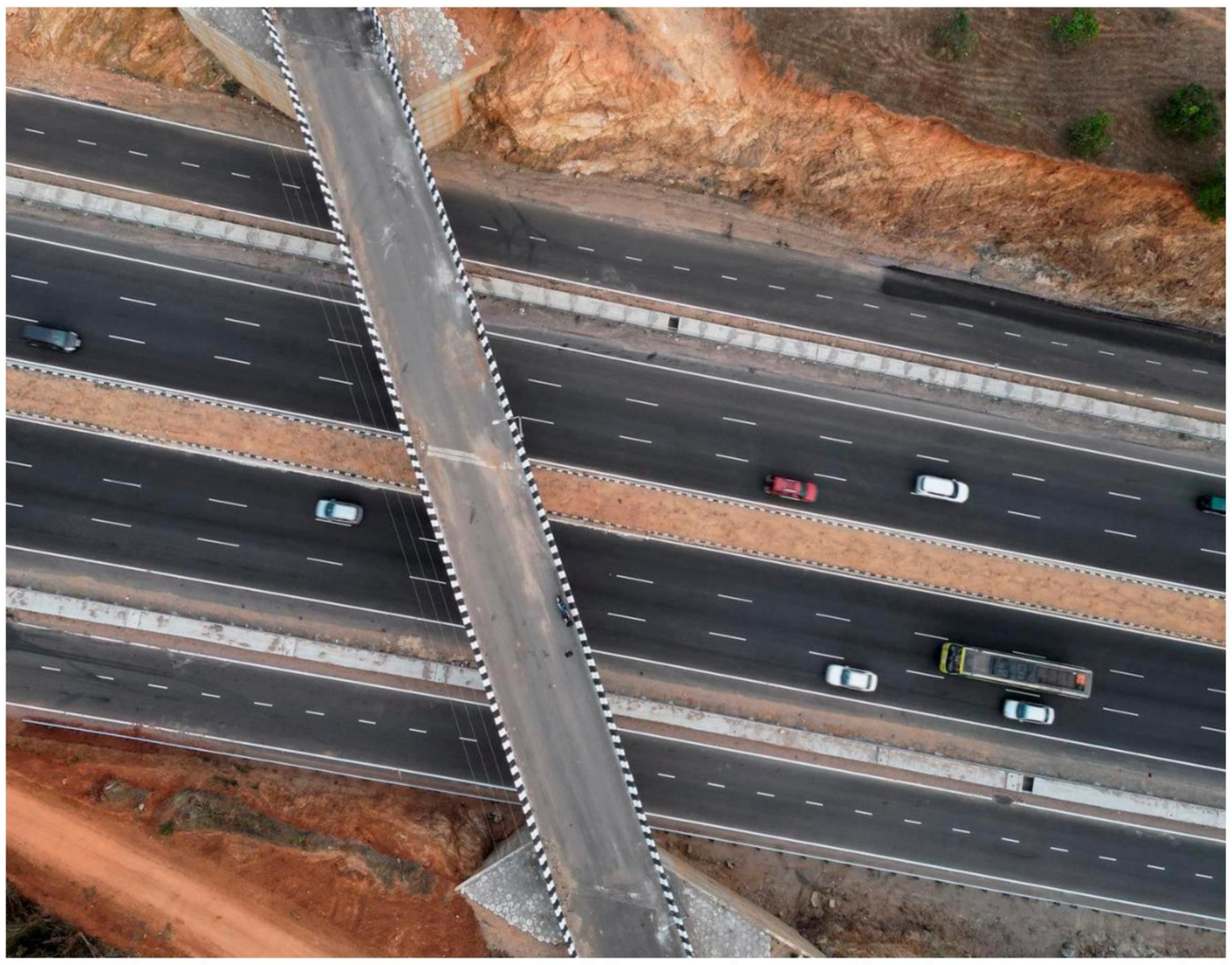
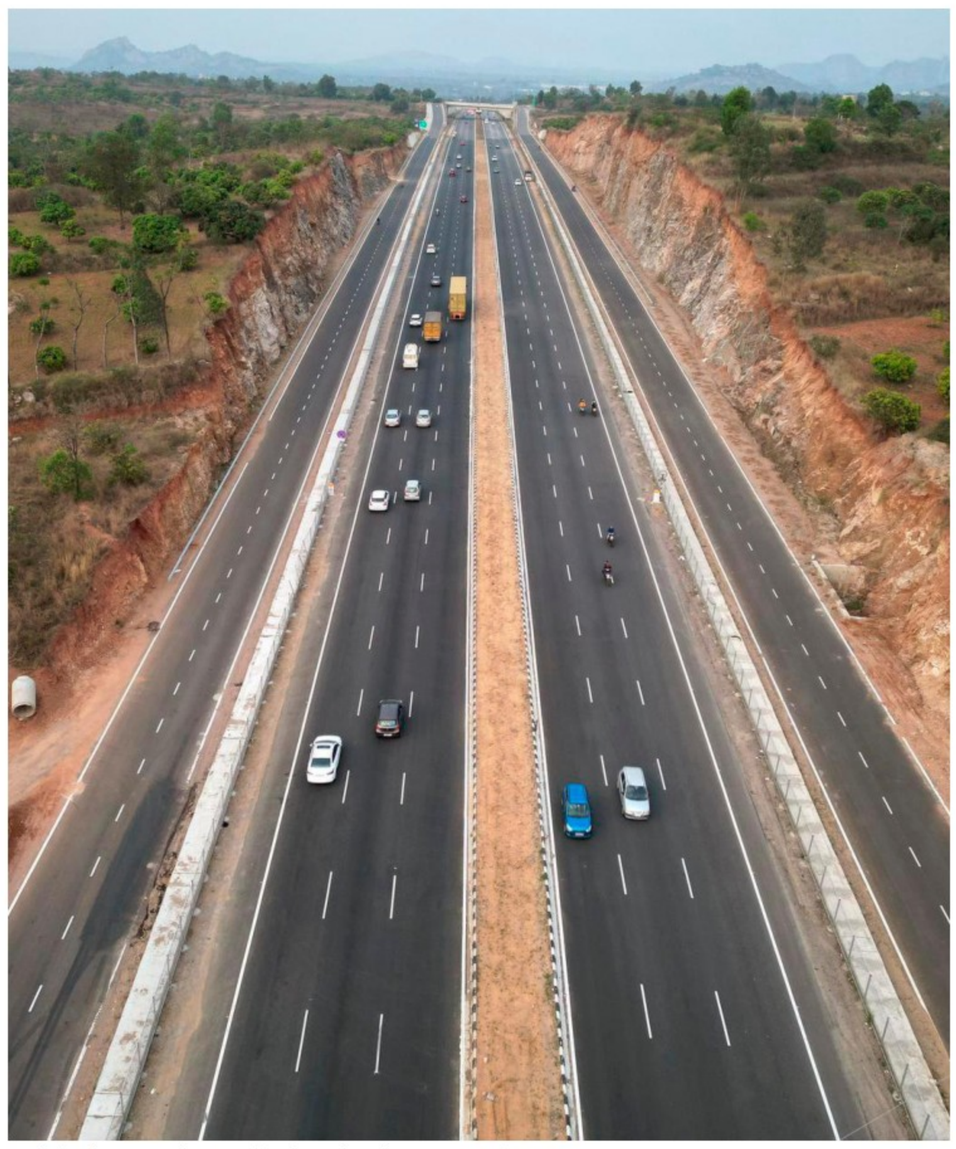




An aerial view of the Bengaluru-Mysuru Expressway. It bypasses towns such as Bidadi, Ramanagara, Channapatna, Maddur, Mandya, and Srirangapatna, and brings down the travel time between the two cities from three hours to 75 minutes

An expressway firmly in focus

Besides the clamour among political parties claiming credit for the project, there is much debate about who the expressway benefits and who it doesn't, and whether the toll collected is justified

Suchith Kidiyoor
BENGALURU

Perhaps the most talked about and high-profile infrastructure project in the State in recent times, the Bengaluru-Mysuru Expressway continues to be in the news even after being thrown open to the public.

While last year, the expressway hit national headlines after underpasses were flooded following unprecedented rain in Ramanagara, over the past few days, the project has been in the news after the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) started collecting the toll for vehicles using the stretch between Bengaluru and Nidaghatta with effect from March 14.

Apart from the clamour among political parties claiming credit for the project, there is much debate about who the expressway benefits and who it doesn't, and whether the toll collected is justified.

Work on the 117 km project was taken up in two phases: Bengaluru to Nidaghatta (56.2 km) and Nidaghatta to Mysuru (61.04 km). It's a six-lane main carriageway and two lanes of service roads on either side. The construction was started in May 2019, and a deadline of June 2022 was initially fixed. When sanctioned, the project was expected to cost ₹7,836 crore. However, according to the revised estimate, it has jumped to ₹8,478 crore (including the land acquisition cost).

Time factor

On many occasions, Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari has claimed that once the expressway is opened, the travel time between Bengaluru and Mysuru will decrease from three hours to 75 minutes. Hitherto, motorists relied on the 4-lane highway. However, because of factors like traffic density and intervening towns between the cities, the travel time was over three hours.

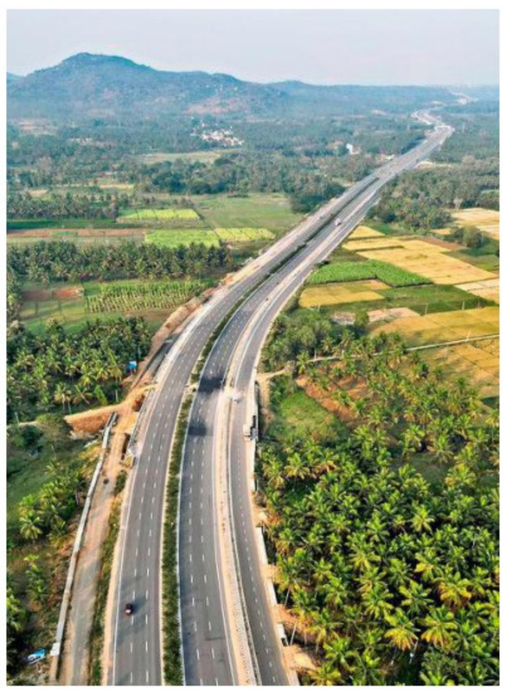
The expressway bypasses towns such as Bidadi, Ramangara, Channapatna, Maddur, Mandya, and Srirangapatna. The total length of the bypasses is 51 km. Other prominent features include an elevated corridor of 8 km, 10 major bridges, 43 minor bridges and four road-over-rail bridges. The NHAI maintains that the expressway will help people reach tourism destinations such as Ooty, Wayanad, Madikeri, Bandipur and Srirangapanta much faster.

Raghunath M., who often travels to Madikeri from Bengaluru, said, "A drive on the old highway was a nightmarish experience. It had many traffic bottlenecks. The new road has cut travel time drastically. Motorists do not mind paying a toll for good infrastructure. My friends who use the expressway also say it's a big relief."

Questions over toll collection

Though the expressway is a boon, reaching it is still challenging. From the Bengaluru side, it starts from Panchamukhi Temple. Due to traffic congestion, motorists spend much time on the city roads before reaching the expressway. In the return direction, the congestion from the Kumbalgod side towards Kengeri remains a concern.

> Wayside amenities, including cafeterias, will come up. We are acquiring 30 acres of land to provide amenities like resting areas.
>
> **B.T. SRIDHARA**
> Project Director



The NHAI says the expressway will help people reach tourism destinations such as Ooty, Wayanad, Madikeri, Bandipur, and Srirangapanta much faster. K. MURALI KUMAR

After opening the main carriageway between Bengaluru and Nidaghatta, the NHAI initially planned to collect the toll from February 28. However, opposition to its collection before the completion of the service roads forced the NHAI to defer it till March 14. People living in Bidadi, Ramangara, and other areas say the toll is exorbitant and daily commuters cannot afford it. They have also demanded early completion of service road work.

Chandrashekara R., a resident of Bidadi, said, "It is not right on the part of NHAI to collect the toll without completing service roads. The government is burdening people. People who rely on commercial vehicles for livelihood will also suffer."

After the toll collection began, the Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) passed on the burden to passengers by hiking the ticket fare by ₹15 to ₹20.

Project Director B.T. Sridhara has been maintaining that barring setting right 100 metres of service road near Christ University, service roads are ready in the rest of the areas. "Near Christ University, the construction activities were delayed due to a stay from the Karnataka High Court. The court has now vacated the stay, and work has resumed. It will be completed shortly."

On allegations of NHAI collecting hefty tolls from commuters travelling from places like Bidadi to Bengaluru, the official said, "They can avail the concessional toll that has been notified. Those who do not want to use the main carriageway can use the service road."

In some areas, railway tracks have come in the way of service roads. For example, near Nidaghatta, the NHAI did not build the service road over the railway track. Service road users have to take a U-turn and get onto the village road to reach the other end of the service road. When asked about not building service roads above the rail track, the official said, "There are no provisions under rules to build service roads above the rail track in this area. Who will pay the toll if we provide the service road all along the expressway?"

The toll plaza on the Bengaluru-Mysuru Expressway. SUDHAKARA JAIN

BENGALURU-MYSURU EXPRESSWAY

- In March 2014, the Bengaluru–Mysuru-Bantwal highway of **376 km** is declared as National Highway 275
- The **117 km** Bengaluru–Mysuru Expressway has been executed in two phases: Bengaluru–Nidaghatta (56.2 km) and Nidaghatta-Mysuru (61.104 km)
- Ten-lane configuration comprises **six-lane access-controlled expressway** and **two-lane service roads** on either side
- Expressway cuts travel time from **3 hours to 75 minutes**
- **78 underpasses, 12 overpasses, and 5 bypasses** at Bidadi, Ramanagara, Maddur, Mandya, and Srirangapatna
- The total length of bypasses is **51.918 km**
- **8 km** of elevated corridor
- **10 major bridges, 43 minor bridges, 4 road-over-rail bridges**
- Total project cost **₹8,479 crore,** including land acquisition cost of **₹4,005 crore**
- Starting point of expressway: **Panchamukhi Temple** after NICE Road (from Bengaluru side) and **Columbia Asia Junction** on Mysuru Ring Road

Demand for amenities

Motorists and villagers have also been demanding that the NHAI put safety measures and roadside amenities in place. Concerns have been raised over the lack of amenities like signage, skywalks across the road, and emergency medical facilities. There were reports that in the last six months, over 300 road accidents took place, and around 80 people lost their lives on the expressway.

Krishna G., who often travels between Bengaluru and Mysuru, said, "They have not completed the project. There are no washrooms or ambulances anywhere. We do not even see any patrolling staff at night."

Superintendent of Police of Ramanagara district Karthik Reddy said, "As a safety measure, motorists using the expressway should stick to the speed limit and follow the lane discipline. For pedestrian safety, we have asked the NHAI to install foot overbridges at several points such as Babusaplaya and Christ University."

Project Director Mr. Sridhara said wayside amenities, including cafeterias, will come up. "We are acquiring 30 acres of land to provide resting areas and others. Regular patrolling of the expressway happens daily, and ambulances have been provided. Near the toll plaza, motorists can use the toilets." Officials also said pending work after Nidaghatta is likely to be completed by month-end or in 30 days. The Project Director said underpass work near Induvalu will be completed shortly. Based on the villagers' demands, the NHAI is building additional underpasses in some areas. Once the entire main carriageway is opened, there will be an upward revision in toll.

A stretch of the expressway that is under construction. BHAGYA PRAKASH K.

Credit war among political parties

Since the Assembly elections are around the corner, the three major political parties have been claiming credit for the project once the inauguration date was fixed.

Former Chief Minister Siddaramaiah said it was during the Congress regime that the then State highway was upgraded to a National Highway. He claimed that when Oscar Fernandes was the Road Transport and Highways Minister in the UPA government, based on the recommendation of the Congress government, the State approved the upgradation of the highway to a 10-lane road.

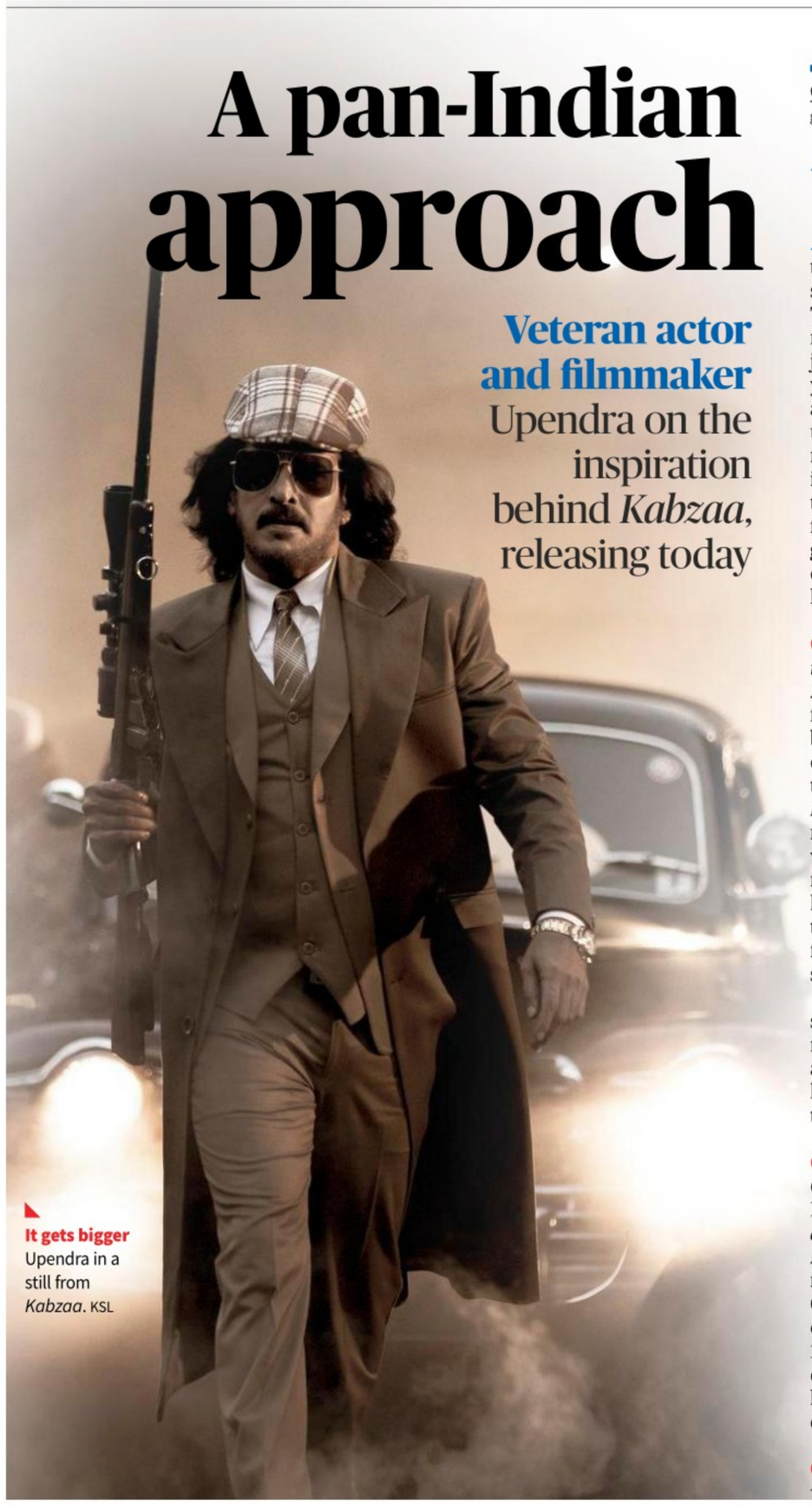
At every stage of the project, BJP MP from Mysuru Pratap Simha has been vocal. More than NHAI officials, he has been sharing updates like phased opening of the expressway, the status of the under-construction stretches, and the deferment of toll collection. Visuals of the expressway shared by the MP have gone viral on social media on many occasions. The MP recently credited the project to the Narendra Modi government for taking all major decisions and executing it.

Amidst this tussle, JD(S) leader and former Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy said the project was initiated using the funds provided by the State government, and successive governments supported it, be it clearing land acquisition hurdles or clearance from the Forest Department. He said that during this tenure as the Chief Minister, he held nine meetings to expedite the project.

(With inputs from Jahnavi T.R.)

A pan-Indian approach

Veteran actor and filmmaker Upendra on the inspiration behind *Kabzaa*, releasing today



It gets bigger Upendra in a still from *Kabzaa*. KSL

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Kannada star Upendra is really good at having conversations in Tamil. Given his proficiency in the language and the fact that he has starred in many Telugu films and a Tamil film (*Sathyam* in 2008), it makes you wonder why he has not jumped on the pan-India bandwagon yet. The veteran actor wants to answer that in style with his upcoming film *Kabzaa* slated to releasing today. Connecting on a call in the middle of his promotional tours for his upcoming pan-Indian film, the actor talks about his role, getting inspired by youngsters and even takes a walk down memory lane. Excerpts:

Question: *What about* Kabzaa *intrigued you the most?*
Answer: There isn't one particular factor that makes a film pan-Indian, I believe. Everything, from the content, the making and the stars together do the trick and as far as *Kabzaa* is concerned, it was the making that got me hooked to it. I was flabbergasted by the sets they made for this film and the use of lighting in it. It's also a period drama that starts in 1947 and travels for a few years, covering the political scenarios in post-independent India.

Right at the ideation stage, they showed me storyboards and references of how they wanted to go about it. A good period film should be like a dream, it should transport you to the past. *Kabzaa* will do that.

Q: *You've earlier worked with its director Chandru on the historical action drama,* Brahma *(2014) as well as a romantic drama* I Love You *(2019)...*
A: Working on two varied genres gave me the confidence to work with Chandru on another film, this time on a huge scale, made on a budget of 100+ crore. Both the previous films did well and I owe that to his knowledge of what he wants to convey with his films.

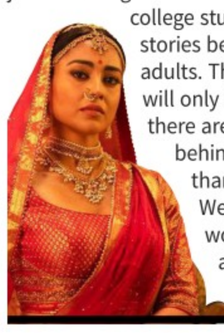
Q: *Are pan-Indian big-budget films the way forward for big stars?*
A: Yes, I feel so. The changes in the film industry are leading towards two directions: either do pan-Indian films or make rooted, content-oriented films with extraordinary content and give it wide publicity.

Q: Kabzaa's *treatment seems very similar to* KGF...
A: When *Shiva* (1990) came out in Telugu and my film *Om* (1995) was released, youngsters followed the trend. Similarly, Chandru too has been inspired by *KGF* which he also honestly accepts. Probably the making and the pan-India concept might be similar but the content is very different.

This generation and their style of photography and making are things we should adapt to. We enjoy the aspect of youngsters following our films and similarly, with an open heart, we should also take what's good from them.

The need of the hour

Actor Shriya Saran says that it's the content of *Kabzaa* that made her sign up. Here, she plays a strong woman with a 'lot of heart'. "She comes from royalty and her character's arc starts in the 60s and leads to the 80s. The way her character is portrayed is beautiful. She grows, and evolves, which is very interesting for an actor because it gives you a lot more to work on," says Shriya, who believes that the way women characters are written is also changing with the pan-India storytelling wave. "It's not male-dominated or female-dominated but a story-dominated film industry. It's a gradual change, with people starting to write stories for women of all ages. I think people have also matured from just watching love stories between college students to love stories between mature adults. The bigger change will only happen when there are more women behind the camera than in front of it. We need more women directors and producers."



STEPOUT

A different beat

The Mahindra Percussion Festival in Association with The Hindu Group comes to Bengaluru this weekend. Get grooving with Gino Banks, Ranjit Bardot, the Paquito Ensemble from Spain, the Ta Dhom Project and others. To be held at Jayamahal Palace Hotel on March 18, the event is cosponsored by Carlsberg Smooth Soda, Paul John Visitor Center and Schweppes; and is promoted and produced by Hyperlink Brand Solutions. *Tickets for the festival can be purchased on bookmyshow.com.*

Why knot?

Bengaluru-based interdisciplinary artiste Avril Stormy Unger's most recent work *Still Tangled* picks up where her last work, *Untangle* left off. *"Still Tangled* is the outcome of playing between two identities such as straight and gay, digital and embodied, short-haired and long, pre-pandemic and post, as well as seeing them from a distance and over time." *Still Tangled* will take place at Goethe Institut/Max Mueller Bhavan on March 18, 6.30pm. *Donor passes and tickets (₹300) are available at https://imjo.in/sP3vrj*

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The film festival will include VK Murthy centenary celebrations, focus on Wong Kar-wai films and more

Things to look for at BIFFes 2023

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The haunting climactic shot from *Pyaasa* – of an entire auditorium of people covered in darkness watching a backlit Guru Dutt, who plays a despondent poet, with his hands outstretched like Christ on the cross, sing, desolately, "Yeh Duniya Agar Mil Bhi Jaaye To Kya Hai" (What is this world to me, even if I can have it?) – is one of the most iconic images of Indian cinema. The film's maker, Dutt himself, and the cinematographer, VK Murthy, have both passed away. But they continue to live in the memories of film lovers due to their brilliant body of work.

This year marks Murthy's centenary birth anniversary. So, the organisers of the Bengaluru International Film Festival (BIFFes) find it appropriate to commemorate the event at the festival's 14th edition, which will happen during March 23-30.

"VK Murthy is one of the legends of Indian cinema. He is an innovator par excellence. He mainly worked during the black-and-white era with film negatives. Being a cinematographer, I know how difficult it is to work with film. But the drama he could achieve with his visuals is simply extraordinary," says Ashok Cashyap, the festival director and chairman of Karnataka Chalanchitra Academy.

Tribute to masters (Clockwise from above) Crowd from BIFFes 2022; Wong Kar-wai; and VK Murthy. SUDHAKARA JAIN, K BHAGYA PRAKASH AND AFP

"We will be screening some of his best films such as *Pyaasa*, *Kaagaz Ke Phool*, and *Sahib Bibi Aur Ghulam*. We are also planning to get people who have worked with Murthy to talk about him," he added.

The festival will also focus on the late Senegalese filmmaker Ousmane Sembène and the internationally renowned Chinese auteur Wong Kar-wai as a part of its Retrospectives category.

"Despite the limited time, our team has curated 65 international films from around 50 countries," says HN Narahari Rao, the artistic director of the festival. "We will also be revisiting many Indian and Kannada classics this year."

Rao observes that the lines between the different categories of films are starting to blur. "Earlier, there were separate audiences for parallel cinema, new-wave cinema, commercial cinema, and art cinema. But in this digital era, people watch all kinds of films. They may or may not like it, but there is no branding of films."

Overall, 200 films will be screened at the eight-day festival, including two of Kannada cinema's biggest hits last year – *KGF 2* and *Kantara* – in the Panorama of Popular Kannada Cinema section. These two films along with Charlie 777 put Kannada cinema in the spotlight.

"More people are watching Kannada cinema now. People who are new to Kannada cinema would want to know more about the craft and content of the filmmakers, and the nuances involved. So, the festival would be a good way for cinephiles to know about these things," says Ashok.

The prize money for the three competitions – Asian Cinema, Indian Cinema, and Kannada Cinema – has been increased this year (from ₹5 lakh to ₹10 lakh for the first prize, from ₹3 lakh to ₹5 lakh for the second, and from ₹1 lakh to ₹3 lakh for the third).

For registration and more information about BIFFes, visit biffes.org.

Reclaim the streets

Join an all-woman night walk through the busy lanes of Chickpet, aimed to create safe spaces

Ladies choice Participants at Rice Memorial Church, Chickpet, Bengaluru. INDRAPRABHA APPUSWAMY

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A group of women in Bengaluru recently took to the streets for an all-women night walk in the bustling neighbourhood of Chickpet, one of the city's oldest areas famous for its wholesale and retail clothing shops. The guided tour, called Pete by Night Walk, took participants through the lanes of Chickpet, highlighting the area's unique nightlife and historical significance.

Organised by Gully Tours, the walk was conceived to encourage more women to feel comfortable and safe in public spaces at night. "We narrowed it down to Chickpet as a team because we had only one question in mind – which spaces would women visit if they didn't have to worry about a thing," said Vinay Parameswarappa, founder, Gully Tours.

Stepping into Chickpet is like entering a whole new world where chaos reigns supreme. The cacophony of the bustling crowds is overwhelming, with no sense of personal space or boundaries in sight.

It is a scene that can be intimidating for many, causing them to avoid the area at night altogether. However, it is a shame to miss out on the vibrant energy of Chickpet, which is a captivating part of the city that deserves to be explored.

But be warned, if you are accustomed to wide roads and people being respectful of your personal space, a walk-through here alone will be a rude awakening that you will not soon forget.

However, the two tour leads Raksha Shenoy and Mradula Hegde, carefully guided the group of women through each shop, eatery, and historical building, with the occasional pit stop for jalebis and badam milk.

Tulica Bhattacharya, a 24-year-old consultant in the city who joined the walk said, "If it was a man directing us, it wouldn't have worked here...You need women sensitive about personal boundaries to helm such walks," she added.

The night walk was more than a mere historical tour for these women; they were also sending a powerful message that every woman has the right to feel safe and free in her own city.

Gully Tours is looking to return to Chickpet for another all-women night walk on March 25 and one on Commercial Street on March 18. *For details, check out its website https://gully.tours/ or call +91 9632044188.*

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INBRIEF

Mohan Limbikai, former BJP MLC, joins Congress

Mohan Limbikai, former MLC, joined the Congress after quitting the BJP, in Belagavi on Thursday. Mr. Limbikai, senior advocate and Lingayat leader from Hubballi, is considered a close confidant of the former Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa and had served as his legal adviser.

Mr. Limbikai said he joined the Congress without any conditions and was willing to take on any responsibility that the party gave him in future. "I have been a disciplined soldier of the BJP for decades. But they failed to utilise my leadership qualities. I was known as a member of Mr. Yediyurappa's inner circle. But I was pained by the behaviour of some BJP leaders and was unsatisfied with some ideologies of the BJP. I was deeply upset. Then, I decided to join the Congress," he said. AICC general secretary Randeep Singh Surjewala, KPCC president D.K. Shivakumar, Leader of the Opposition Siddaramaiah, and KPCC working president Satish Jarkiholi were present when Mr. Limbikai joined the party in Belagavi.

Sidde Gowda is vice-chairman of higher education council

The State government has appointed Y.S. Sidde Gowda, retired Vice-Chancellor of Tumkur University, as vice-chairman of the Karnataka State Higher Education Council. His tenure will be till October 31, 2027. The term of B. Thimme Gowda, who was the vice-chairman earlier, ended last August, following which his service was temporarily continued.

Govt. has not released ₹5 a litre incentive for milk producers since November

The incentive is crucial as small producers constitute nearly 90% of the total; KMF proposal forwarded by Animal Husbandry Department pending before Finance Department for approval

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Milk procurement is hovering around 71 lakh litres a day across Karnataka. FILE PHOTO

Amid a decline in milk procurement by the Karnataka Milk Federation (KMF) in the last few weeks that has increased pressure in the retail market, the State government has not released ₹5 per litre incentive, a crucial component in the earning of milk producers, for nearly five months now.

While the Animal Husbandry Department sources put the figure at ₹434 crore as dues towards the milk producers since November 2022, KMF sources said the dues had run up to about ₹480 crore till date. Government sources said the KMF proposal forwarded by the Animal Husbandry Department was pending before the Finance Department for approval.

The decline in milk procurement, which is hovering around 71 lakh litres daily across the State, has been attributed among other reasons to farmers turning towards private dairies that are offering around ₹40 a litre for cow's milk, especially in the bordering areas. While March is generally a lean season when milk production drops, small milk producers have also moved away from animal husbandry as it is not seen as viable in the current circumstances. In 2023, milk production in Karnataka has seen a decline of about 1% over the corresponding period last year.

The ₹5 a litre incentive is crucial to the milk producer as the district milk unions pay an average of ₹33 a litre in the State with a couple of unions offering up to ₹35 a litre. "Farmers find it hard to sustain the milk production with what the unions pay, and the government incentive plays a crucial role in boosting the income of their family," KMF source said, expressing concern that if the money was not released before the end of the financial year, it normally gets delayed further. Normally, payments are made every quarter, sources said.

The ₹5 a litre incentive, sources pointed out, was important as nearly 90% of the milk producers in the State are small producers with a maximum of two cows, which makes milk production unsustainable as input cost has gone up. "To woo the milk producers to the KMF and stop them from giving up on animal husbandry, the federation on multiple occasions sought a hike in the retail price of milk by ₹5 a litre. The government only allowed a hike of ₹2 a litre. The ₹5 a litre incentive is also not reaching them on time," sources said, adding that efforts were on increasing the holding of cows by milk producers.

Unions hike price

Meanwhile, in a bid to sustain procurement, Kolar and Mysuru milk unions have increased the procurement price of milk to deter farmers from going to private dairies. While Mysuru union has hiked procurement price by ₹1 a litre, Kolar union has increased by ₹2.10 a litre, sources said.

CM flays Maharashtra decision on health insurance scheme

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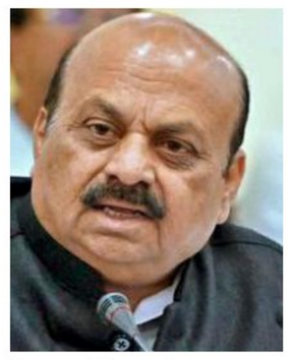

Basavaraj Bommai

Maharashtra's decision to provide health insurance for Kannadigas living along the State's border with Karnataka must be revoked, says Bommai

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Thursday took exception to the decision of the Maharashtra State Cabinet to provide health insurance for Kannadigas living along the Maharashtra-Karnataka border.

Demanding that such a decision should be revoked, he said Karnataka would bring the issue to the notice of Union Home Minister Amit Shah.

'Grave injustice'

The Chief Minister told media persons here that it was a grave injustice by the government of Maharashtra to announce the health insurance scheme for the Kannada-speaking people living along the Karnataka border in the wake of the border row raked up by the neighbouring State.

To apprise Shah

"During the meeting with Mr. Shah, both States were asked to wait for the final verdict of the Supreme Court on the border row and were told that there must not be any provocation from anyone. The Maharashtra government has violated it, and the order on the health insurance scheme must be revoked immediately. The issue will be brought to the notice of Mr. Shah," Mr. Bommai said.

"We can also make such announcements. Several taluk and gram panchayats of Maharashtra have adopted unanimous resolutions seeking the inclusion of their villages into Karnataka as they are not getting justice in Maharashtra. In this kind of situation, the government of Maharashtra must behave responsibly," the Chief Minister said.

Without providing details of its account holders, Twitter wants authority to issue notice to them, Centre tells High Court

FROM THE COURT

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Union government on Thursday told the High Court of Karnataka that Twitter Inc. cannot claim that competent authority had not issued notice to Twitter account holders before passing orders to block accounts when the microblogging platform failed to provide particulars of account holder to the authority.

The details of account holders, from whose accounts the controversial tweets originate, would be available only with Twitter, and the microblogging platform does not want to share details of its account holders with the authorities citing end-to-end encryption but strangely wants the authority to issue notice to the account holders before ordering the blocking of their accounts, argued Additional Solicitor-General of India (South) R. Sankaranarayanan.

The submissions were made during continuation of hearing on the petitions filed by Twitter in July last year.

Legality challenged

Twitter has challenged the legality of a series of 'blocking orders' issued by authorities under provisions of the Information Technology Act, 2000, either to block Twitter accounts or identified content of the accounts. One of the main contentions of Twitter was that 'blocking orders' could not have been passed without issuing notice to the originators of controversial tweets on their accounts.

The designated authority in the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology does not have details of Twitter account holders to issue notices but Twitter wants us to issue notice to its account holders, the ASGI contended.

Twitter, falling under the category of 'significant social media intermediary' under the law is required to provide details of its account holders, argued Mr. Sankarnarayanan while asserting that not issuing notice to an account holder is not a factor which would vitiate the entire proceedings resulting in passing of the 'blocking orders'.

He also reiterated that Twitter being a foreign company cannot invoke the fundamental right guaranteed to Indian citizens and companies under the Constitution of India.

As the main arguments both on behalf of Twitter and the Union government have concluded, the court has now posted the petition to April 10 for hearing reply of Twitter on the objections raised by the government.

BJP rally cancelled after protest by party workers in Mudigere

The Hindu Bureau
HASSAN

The BJP cancelled its Vijay Sankalp rally and roadshow at Mudigere in Chikkamagaluru district on Thursday following a protest by a group of party workers urging the leadership to deny the ticket to incumbent MLA M.P. Kumaraswamy to contest the Assembly elections.

The protest forced the former Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa and other leaders to abandon the rally and leave the venue.

For and against

Mr. Yediyurappa had reached Mudigere from Sringeri by 2 p.m. to take part in the roadshow, which was scheduled to begin from Ayyappa Swamy temple. A group of protesters raised slogans against Mr. Kumaraswamy while another group raised voices in his favour. BJP national general secretary C.T. Ravi, MLC M.K. Pranesh and other leaders tried to convince the protesters to allow them to go ahead with the rally, but neither group relented.

A group of workers gathered around Mr. Yediyurappa's car.

The former Chief Minister did not get out of his vehicle. Instead, he travelled to Chikkamagaluru.

HDK takes a dig at Ashok over his prediction

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Slamming Revenue Minister R. Ashok for stating that Janata Dal (Secular) will win just 20 seats in the Assembly elections, the former Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy on Thursday said he did not know that the Minister was a numerologist to predict numbers.

Taking a dig at the Minister, Mr. Kumarswamy tweeted: "Mr. Ashok must have forgotten how many seats the BJP will win. Or did he not say it deliberately? With his prediction, he has shown that he can remain occupied post elections."

Referring to the outbursts of Arun Somanna, son of Housing Minister V. Somanna against B.Y. Vijayendra, son of the former Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa, he asked Mr. Ashok about the developments in the BJP. "If the BJP is confident of winning elections, why is Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah visiting State frequently?" he wondered.

Two-day meet of chartered accountants from today

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A two-day 35th annual conference of the Karnataka State Chartered Accountants' Association (KSCAA) will be held in Bengaluru from Friday.

More than a thousand chartered accountants from all over India are expected to participate in the conference.

Keynote address

The keynote address will be delivered by Chaitali Panmei, Principal Chief Commissioner of Income Tax, Karnataka and Goa. The speakers would discuss and share knowledge on a bouquet of topics, such as direct and indirect tax, corporate law, auditing and accounting, RTI, health and wellness.

Pramod Srihari, president, KSCAA, said, "The conference has been designed keeping in mind the changing scenario of the profession and aims to place the professionals on a global pedestal."

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(1) The Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Sirasi invites tenders from eligible tenderers, for the construction of works detailed in the Table below. The tenderers may submit tenders for any or all of the works given in the Table. **The price tender which will be opened only if the Tenderer is found to be qualified to execute the tendered works. The Tenderers are advised to note the minimum qualification criteria specified in Clause 3 of the Instructions to Tenderers to qualify for award of the contract. (26.03.2021)** (2) Tender documents may be downloaded from Government of Karnataka e-Procurement website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in/eportal/index.seam** under login for Contractors: (3) Tenders must be accompanied by EMD Declaration form Proforma attached. (4) Tenders must be electronically submitted (on-line through internet) with in the date and time published in e-procurement portal. The technical bid will be opened after prescribed time and date in the eprocurement portal, in the presence of the Tenderers who wish to attend at the Office of the Executive Engineer, PWD Department, SIRSI Division. (5) Other details can be seen in the tender documents
(Total: 7 Works)
(1) Last date and time for Tender Queries/Clarifications: **18.03.2023 up to 16.00.00** (2) Last Date and Time for receipt of tenders: **20.03.2023 up to 16.00.00** (3) Date and Time for opening of Technical Bid: **21.03.2023 @ 16.30.00** (4) Date and Time for opening of Financial Bid: **22.03.2023 @ 16.00.00**

Sd/- Executive Engineer
Public Work Department Division
Sirsi (Uttara Kannada)
DIPR/ADK/KSMCA/1175/22-23 dt.16.03.2023

Government of Karnataka
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT DIVISION KALABURGI
No:EE/RDP/DK/TS/Tender/ DMF /2022-23/1142 Date: 14-03-2023

SHORT TIME E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE TWO COVER SYSTEM

1) Name Of Work: Package of 6 Works 1) Improvements to Road From Kollur Cross to Bannatti 0.00 to 2.000 km in Chittapur Taluka, 2) Improvements to Road From Kollur Cross to Bannatti 2.00 to 4.10 km in Chittapur Taluka, 3)Improvements to Road From Kollur Cross to Bannatti 4.10 to 6.00 km in Chittapur Taluka 4) Improvements to Road From Kamarwadi to Balaram Chowk 0.00 to 1.300 km in Chittapur Taluka 5) Improvements to Road From Kamarwadi to Balaram Chowk 1.30 to 2.40 km in Chittapur Taluka 6) Improvements to Road From Kamarwadi to Balaram Chowk 2.40 to 3.80 km in Chittapur Taluka Kalaburagi District Under District Mineral fund 2018-19 **INDENT No:5653,** 2) Head Of Account: DMF 2018-19, 3) Amount Put to Tender: Rs. 85794582.11, 4) Class of Contractor: Class-I and Above, 5) Submission of tender form & Completion last date of tender: **14/03/2023 to 21/03/2023 Evening Up to 17:30 PM,** 6) Cost of tender form & EMD Amount: Cost of Tender form & EMD Mentioned in e-Proc, 7) Last of Submission of tender: **21/03/2023 Evening Up to 17:30 PM** 8) Opening date of Technical Bid: **23/03/2023 Morning After 11.00 AM,** 9) Opening date of Financial Bid : **27/03/2023 Morning After 11.00AM,** 10) Address required for additional information: Office of Executive Engineer Rural development Panchayat Raj Engineering Project Division in front of Dr. B.R Ambedkar Hostel Rajapur road Kalaburgi. 11) E-mail Address: **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in,** 12) Office E-mail Address:**kn-gul-1@pmgsy.nic.in**

Sd/- Executive Engineer
RD PRE Project Division Kalaburgi
DIPR/Kalaburagi/1500/MC&A/2022-23

PUBLIC NOTICE

My Client intends to purchase the property more particularly described in the Schedule hereunder from the **Sri.Pathakota Govinda Ramesh Babu** who has represented that he has a clear and marketable title to the same. Any person/s, financial institutions and statutory authorities who claims any right, title or interest of any nature in or any lien, charge or enforceable right in relation to the Schedule Property and/or has any objections of any nature to the aforesaid transaction should lodge such claim and/or objections in writing to the undersigned together with supporting documents within **fifteen (15) days** hereof, failing which it will be presumed that no valid claims or objections subsist and my clients would proceed to complete the transaction with the present owners thereof subject to compliance with other statutory and legal formalities.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

ITEM NO – I
All that piece and parcel of the immovable property being agricultural dry land measuring an extent of about 13 guntas comprised in Sy.No.141/1 of Harobande Village, Kasaba Hobli, Chikkaballapura Taluk and District and bounded on the:
East by: Lands comprised in Sy.No.140/3
West by: Lands comprised in Sy.No.141/2
North by: Lands comprised in Sy.No.139
South by: Lands comprised in Sy.No.141/4

ITEM NO – II
All that piece and parcel of the immovable property being agricultural dry land measuring an extent of about 26 guntas comprised in Sy.No.141/2 of Harobande Village, Kasaba Hobli, Chikkaballapura Taluk and District and bounded on the:
East by: Lands comprised in Sy.No.141/1 and 141/4
West by: Lands comprised in Sy.No.140/5
North by: Lands comprised in Sy.No.144/1
South by: Lands comprised in Sy.Nos.141/A

ITEM NO - III
All that piece and parcel of the immovable property being agricultural dry land measuring an extent of about 07 guntas comprised in Sy.No.141/4 of Harobande Village, Kasaba Hobli, Chikkaballapura Taluk and District and bounded on the:
East by: Lands comprised in Sy.No.140/3
West by: Lands comprised in Sy.No.140/5
North by: Lands comprised in Sy.No.141/1
South by: Lands comprised in Sy.Nos.141/5

ITEM NO - IV
All that piece and parcel of the immovable property being agricultural dry land measuring an extent of about 15 guntas comprised in Sy.No.141/5 of Harobande Village, Kasaba Hobli, Chikkaballapura Taluk and District and bounded on the:
East by: Lands comprised in Sy.No.140/3
West by: Lands comprised in Sy.No.141/3A
North by: Lands comprised in Sy.No.141/4
South by: Lands comprised in Sy.Nos.141/6

ITEM NO - V
All that piece and parcel of the immovable property being agricultural dry land measuring an extent of about 15 guntas comprised in Sy.No.141/7 of Harobande Village, Kasaba Hobli, Chikkaballapura Taluk and District and bounded on the:
East by: Lands comprised in Sy.No.258
West by: Lands comprised in Sy.No.141/3B
North by: Lands comprised in Sy.Nos.141/6 and 140/6
South by: Lands comprised in Sy.No.141/8

ITEM NO - VI
All that piece and parcel of the immovable property being agricultural dry land measuring an extent of about 1 Acre 24 guntas comprised in Sy.No.142/4 of Harobande Village, Kasaba Hobli, Chikkaballapura Taluk and District and bounded on the:
East by : Lands comprised in Sy.No.141/3A
West by : Lands comprised in Sy.No.142/3 and 142/7
North by : Lands comprised in Sy.Nos. 144/1 and 143
South by : Village boundary of Gerahalli Village

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INBRIEF

B.L. Santhosh's posters with 'missing' come up

Even as the high drama over BRS MLC, K. Kavitha's alleged involvement in the Delhi liquor policy continues in New Delhi, posters of senior BJP leader B.L. Santhosh which read 'missing' and 'expert in MLAs Purchase' sprang up in the city on Thursday. The posters seen at some places in the city had the tag lines like 'talented in MLA purchase' and 'Reward - sanction of Modi's promise of ₹15 lakhs.' The first tagline mocks Mr. Santhosh, whose name figured in the alleged attempt to poach the BRS MLAs by some people connected to the BJP. The second line is a direct mock of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's promise of depositing ₹15 lakh in every Jan Dhan account if the BJP was voted to power in 2014.

A Special Investigation Team (SIT) was constituted by the Telangana government to probe the alleged attempts to poach the MLAs and it has served notices on Mr. Santhosh, the BJP's national general secretary (Organisation).

Wait continues in T.N. for Centre's Pennaiyar tribunal

Three-month deadline fixed by the Supreme Court expired last week, and the State is awaiting Union government's next course of action; efforts to settle the dispute through talks had failed

T. Ramakrishnan
CHENNAI

With the time limit fixed by the Supreme Court for the constitution of an inter-State river water disputes tribunal for Pennaiyar river getting expired last Tuesday, Tamil Nadu is waiting for the Centre's next course of action.

In mid-December, the court gave the Centre three months to constitute the tribunal to resolve the dispute between Tamil Nadu and Karnataka over constructions across the river. In 2018, Tamil Nadu filed an original suit against Karnataka constructing check-dams and diversionary structures on the river.

In contention: T.N. opposes work on a check-dam across the Markandeya, a Pennaiyar tributary, by Karnataka. FILE PHOTO

The direction came after the Centre had stated that Tamil Nadu's complaint was referred to a Negotiation Committee, and there was "no likelihood of settlement by negotiation". The Union government had also submitted that it was "likely to constitute a tribunal to resolve the dispute between the two States".

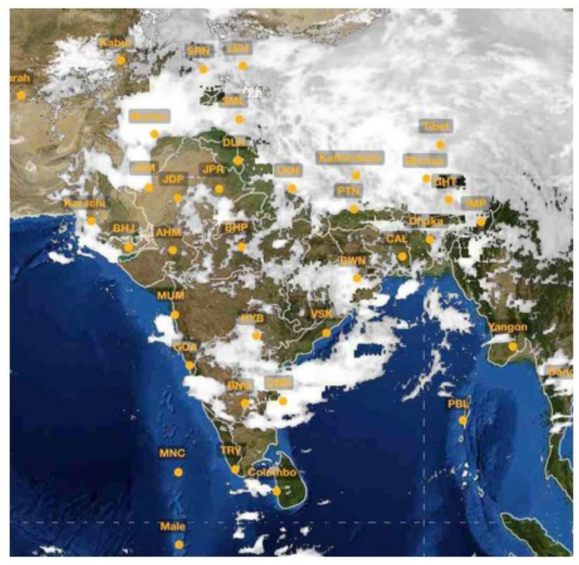
On November 30, 2019, Tamil Nadu formally requested the Union government to constitute a tribunal for adjudication of disputes over the waters of the river, also known as 'Thenpennai'.

In its complaint, Tamil Nadu objected to the construction of a checkdam across the Markandeya, a tributary of the Pennaiyar, by Karnataka.

According to those following the case in court, the matter, which was originally listed for March 14, did not come up that day. There is an expectation that it may be heard on March 21.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

Forecast for Friday: Thunderstorm with lightning likely at isolated places over Jammu & Kashmir, Ladakh, Muzaffarabad, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Meghalaya, Manipur, Mizoram, central Maharashtra, Konkan & Goa, interior Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Puducherry

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	—	31.3	21.8	Kozhikode	0.1	35.9	25.4
Ahmedabad	—	35.5	21.0	Kurnool	—	36.2	25.2
Aizawl	10	30.0	12.4	Lucknow	—	33.0	19.7
Allahabad	0.1	32.5	18.4	Madurai	—	36.8	25.6
Bengaluru	—	33.0	19.8	Mangaluru	—	33.4	24.3
Bhopal	1.4	33.1	21.4	Mumbai	—	34.0	26.2
Bhubaneswar	—	31.6	21.6	Mysuru	—	34.0	18.0
Chandigarh	—	32.8	19.2	New Delhi	—	33.9	20.6
Chennai	—	33.1	26.4	Patna	—	34.3	19.8
Coimbatore	—	35.2	23.1	Port Blair	—	31.4	26.4
Dehradun	—	30.2	15.4	Puducherry	—	33.9	24.0
Gangtok	21.3	17.6	9.0	Pune	2	31.6	20.0
Goa	—	33.6	25.4	Raipur	—	36.5	22.5
Guwahati	29	26.9	15.6	Ranchi	—	30.8	20.4
Hubballi	—	34.0	19.0	Shillong	7	21.5	9.0
Hyderabad	—	30.7	21.6	Shimla	2	20.0	8.0
Imphal	—	29.3	12.7	Srinagar	—	18.3	5.5
Jaipur	—	31.8	22.0	Thiruvananthapuram	—	33.8	25.1
Kochi	4	32.0	24.0	Tiruchi	—	35.5	25.0
Kohima	6	21.9	8.2	Vijayawada	—	34.4	25.0
Kolkata	—	33.1	25.2	Visakhapatnam	—	32.5	25.6

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	.17	..—	...1	...238	...195	
Bengaluru	.12	..27	.20	...141	...110	
Chennai	.22	..26	.69	72	66	
Delhi	.36	..93	.54	...274	...315	
Hyderabad	...5	..47	.46	...156	...129	
Kolkata	.19	..26	.16	73	...108	
Lucknow	.35	..21	.32	...289	...187	
Mumbai	.32	178	.12	...201	...153	
Pune	116	165	111	...236	...133	
Visakhapatnam	.18	..45	.59	97	...115	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Begusarai, Bihar recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 317 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Naharlagun, Arunachal Pradesh recorded a healthy AQI score of 37

Air Quality Code: Poor | Moderate | Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

Massive fire in Secunderabad complex, 6 die of suffocation

The Hindu Bureau
HYDERABAD

A major fire that broke out at the Swapnalok Complex in Patny, Secunderabad, claimed six lives on Thursday night.

Fire services personnel rescued 18 people who were stuck inside the commercial building. Six of them were rushed to Gandhi Hospital, where doctors declared them dead and cited suffocation as the cause of death. Officials said that more than 13 fire tenders were rushed to the spot for rescue operations following a distress call at 7.33 p.m. Officials said they suspected a short circuit on the seventh floor of the B-block of the 10-storey building triggered the fire, which spread to other floors. After disconnecting the power supply, officials carried out the rescue operations and evacuated the building.

Firefighters dousing a blaze in Swapnalok Complex in Secunderabad on Thursday. PTI

Kavitha fails to appear before ED

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI / HYDERABAD

On a day of high drama in New Delhi, BRS MLC K. Kavitha skipped the Enforcement Directorate (ED) summons for appearance in connection with the Delhi excise policy money laundering case citing her pending plea before the Supreme Court, where she has sought protection from arrest and quashing of summons in the case.

Following her failure to turn up at the ED office, officials issued fresh summons for March 20.

This follows her authorised representative Soma Bharat visiting the ED office in New Delhi on Thursday to present a six-page representation on her behalf. She had sent the letter along with her bank statement, personal and business details.

On Wednesday, the Supreme Court, after hearing her petition, posted the case to March 24.

Commission takes up case of 300 tribals cheated in Telangana

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The National Commission for Scheduled Tribes (NCST) has now sought an action-taken report from the police in Telangana's Khammam district, where around 300 people from the Koya community (a Scheduled Tribe), had been cheated by a man promising to get their lands registered and provide them forest pattas.

The petitioners had approached the NCST, saying they were victims of 'Salwa Judum', a militant outfit comprising armed civilians formed to fight left wing extremists in Chhattisgarh. They had fled the Naxal violence in their home State and settled in Telangana, they said.

In a hearing before the Commission headed by member Ananta Nayak on Wednesday, the petitioners said the accused cheated them thrice.

The Commissioner of Police, Khamman, also appeared before the Commission and submitted that the accused was a habitual offender who had absconded with the money given to him by the tribespeople. An FIR had been registered, the police said.

The petitioners complained to the Commission that the police was not acting against the accused. They also said that the authorities in Telangana were not issuing ST certificates to them. Given that their roots were in Chhattisgarh, the tribespeople possess ST certificates issued in that State. The Koya tribe is listed as an ST in both States.

Enter the dragon

Exotic twist: Tired with little or no profit with the cultivation of traditional crops, several enterprising farmers have taken up the cultivation of the exotic dragon fruit on the outskirts of Hyderabad. The fruits are sold anywhere between ₹100 and ₹150. NAGARA GOPAL

A.P. Budget presented with an outlay of ₹2,79,279 crore

G.V.R. Subba Rao
VIJAYAWADA

Andhra Pradesh Finance Minister Buggana Rajendranath Reddy on Thursday presented the State Budget for the financial year 2023-24 in the Legislative Assembly with a total outlay of ₹2,79,279.27 crore. The revenue expenditure has been pegged at ₹2,28,540 crore, while the capital expenditure is ₹31,061 crore. The revenue deficit is ₹22,316 crore while the fiscal deficit is estimated to be around ₹54,587 crore.

Mr. Rajendranath Reddy said that the budgetary allocations for 22 Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) schemes, including YSR Pension Kanuka, YSR Rythu Bharosa, Amma Vodi, EBC Nestam, YSR Fasal Bima Yojana, etc., is ₹54,228.36 crore. The revised estimates for the financial year 2022-23 is ₹47,240.43 crore as against the Budget estimates of ₹48,668 crore, he said.

Buggana Rajendranath Reddy

Referring to the Global Investors Summit held at Visakhapatnam recently, Mr. Rajendranath Reddy said, "It is a matter of pride that the summit culminated with the signing of 378 MoUs with an estimated investment of ₹13.42 lakh crore and a potential to create more than six lakh jobs in the State."

The Finance Minister said that Andhra Pradesh ranked 22nd in the country with respect to growth of GSDP at constant prices during 2018-19.

"Owing to the enabling policies of our government, the State economy got the necessary impetus, driving both investments and consumption," he said, adding, "as a result, Andhra Pradesh ranked 1" in the country in terms of growth of GDSP at constant prices for the year 2021-22, registering a healthy growth rate of 11.43%."

Maoist from Chhattisgarh surrenders in A.P.'s Chintoor

The Hindu Bureau
CHINTOOR

A 22-year-old Maoist, Madakam Baman, who has been active in Chhattisgarh, surrendered before Andhra Pradesh Police at Chintoor on Thursday. Baman joined the banned CPI (Maoist) when he was 15.

According to a release, Baman was involved in the exchange of fire in 2017, in which three Maoist party members were killed. In 2018, he was involved in an IED blast, in which seven people were killed. He was also involved in the 2019 exchange of fire, in which Kate Kalyan LGS Commander Uri was killed.

Murmu presents President's Colour to INS Dronacharya

The Hindu Bureau
KOCHI

President Droupadi Murmu presented the President's Colour on Thursday to INS Dronacharya, Indian Navy's gunnery school at Fort Kochi.

Speaking on the occasion, she said maritime strength remained critical to India's strategic, military, economic and commercial interests. "For a nation like India, the fifth largest economy in the world, with a long coastline, island territories and substantial seafaring population, a strong and modern Navy is very important. A combat-ready, multi-dimensional and versatile Indian Navy has not only deterred our adversaries and safeguarded our maritime interests, but also enabled creation of a peaceful periphery to facilitate socio-economic growth during the past 75 years."

Proud moment: President Droupadi Murmu presenting the President's Colour to *INS Dronacharya* at Fort Kochi. THULASI KAKKAT

"The nation is proud of the Navy's commitment in protecting the country's maritime borders, securing trade routes and rendering assistance during calamities. Over the years, the Navy has developed significant capabilities to be a mission-deployed and response-ready force across the Indian Ocean Region and be the 'first responder' to any contingency in our maritime neighbourhood," Ms. Murmu added.

She exhorted Navy personnel to keep themselves updated with the latest technological advancements and changing operational dynamics in the maritime domain.

Referring to her visit to *INS Vikrant*, the indigenous aircraft carrier, just before the President's Colour presentation function, she said it was a shining example of Atmanirbhar Bharat. She appreciated personnel of the Navy, Cochin Shipyard Limited, and others associated with the endeavour.

Apart from Indian Navy personnel, INS Dronacharya, a centre for excellence in gunnery and missile warfare, has trained Coast Guard, paramilitary and police forces, apart from naval personnel from friendly countries.

Highest honour

The President's Colour or the 'Nisham' is considered the highest honour that the President bestows on a unit for exceptional service to the nation. INS Dronacharya is also the nodal centre for training Sagar Prahari Bal and the Navy's centre for training several Indian Ocean Region (IOR) nations in constabulary operations. Kerala Governor Arif Mohammed Khan, Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan, and Chief of Naval Staff Admiral R. Hari Kumar were present.

Kochi fire: police to send samples for examination

The Hindu Bureau
KOCHI

The Kochi Police, probing the fire breakout at Kochi Corporation's solid waste treatment plant at Brahmapuram, are gearing up to send samples collected from the active fire zone of the plant for detailed scientific examination through the court concerned.

The police have collected samples from various locations spread across acres as part of finding out whether the fire was designed as a sabotage.

For the time being, the police have registered a case for unnatural fire occurrence.

Testing times

February's sharp foreign trade drop requires nuanced policy attention

India's goods exports fell for the third time in five months during February. The $33.8 billion of shipments marked an 8.8% drop from a year ago. In recent times of generally exuberant export growth, the only steeper decline was recorded in October 2022. A sharp 29% collapse in oil exports, a 12% fall in chemical shipments and a 10% contraction in engineering goods outflows – accounting for almost half of India's merchandise exports – propelled February's decline. But the effects of faltering global demand went beyond, dragging down 13 more of India's top 30 export items. February's exports are still 7.3% above October's number, but the immediate outlook is reverting to the gloom that prevailed in the last quarter of 2022 – about large parts of the world slipping into recession. Resilient economic data from major markets over the past couple of months had infused a belief that the world economy may just end up avoiding the worst that was feared in 2023. But the Ides of March dispelled those hopes – for now, at least.

Retail sales in the U.S., India's largest export destination, soared 3% in January as a positive surprise, but slumped in February. The failures at two U.S. banks and the disclosure of vulnerabilities by European banker Credit Suisse amid the U.S. Federal Reserve's scramble to rein in inflation, suggest this momentum may not turn around anytime soon. On Wednesday, Brent crude prices dropped almost 5% – recession risks have clearly resurfaced after the unexpectedly benign start to the year. With manufacturing already shrinking for two quarters, a sustained spell of slipping shipments could mean factory job losses and dent consumption. As it is, the 8.2% drop in February's imports – the sharpest in a three-month contractionary streak and the lowest import bill in almost a year ($51.3 billion) – does not reflect well on domestic demand that is hoped to insulate the economy from global shocks. Some of this may be due to prices rather than volume factors (oil and edible oil prices had zoomed after the Ukraine war). The government is looking to curb inessential imports to keep the deficit in check amid weaker exports. But this is tricky territory where factors such as quality, pricing and supply chain linkages matter too, and missteps could curb consumer (and investor) choice. With the deficit already constricted sharply over January and February from the record $29.2 billion level hit last September, policy bandwidth may be better used to support exporters to tap new markets and react more nimbly to fast-shifting dynamics in key markets. The long-dithered rejig of the 2015-20 foreign trade policy must not be delayed any further, at any cost.

Dangerous moves

The U.S. should find stability in ties with Russia to help end the Ukraine war

The high-altitude manoeuvring between two Russian fighter jets and an American drone over the Black Sea, which resulted in the splashing down of the U.S. MQ-9 Reaper drone on Tuesday morning, has underscored the dangerous risks of the Ukraine war. In conflicting narratives about the incident, the Pentagon says the Russian Su-27s intercepted the surveillance drone in international airspace, dumping fuel on the drone, colliding with it and forcing it down. But the Russian Defence Ministry said its jets were scrambled after a U.S. drone violated its "temporary airspace" off the Crimean peninsula (declared for its war in Ukraine) and that the American aerial vehicle "lost altitude" in "sharp manoeuvring". The MQ-9 recorded the incident. The video has been declassified and would help establish the truth. But whatever the reason, the fact that the U.S. lost a drone in the Black Sea, where it does not even have a naval presence, is a grave reminder of how close the nuclear powers have come to a conflict. While both sides have responded with maturity, the underlying situation that triggered this crisis remains unchanged.

The U.S. has provided over $30 billion in military assistance, including advanced defensive and offensive weapons, to Ukraine since the Russian invasion began, and imposed tough sanctions on Moscow. Washington says it is not directly involved in the war but is helping Ukraine defend its territories, while Russia alleges that the "collective West" is seeking to destroy it. As the war drags on, with Russia's failure to take a quick victory, the relationship between Washington and Moscow has broken down. Last month, Russia suspended its participation in the New START nuclear arms control treaty, the last of the Cold War-era weapons control mechanisms between the two countries. Steadily deepening mutual distrust amid an ongoing conflict is a perfect recipe for disaster in great power rivalries. Even if the Biden administration has clearly ruled out a direct conflict with Russia, irresponsible and high-risk manoeuvring or even accidents could lead to, as the Pentagon said, "miscalculation and unintended escalation". The U.S. and Russia already have a deconfliction hotline to avoid mid-air collisions in different theatres where they operate. They should use that mechanism around Ukraine as well to avoid a repeat of incidents such as the Black Sea one. But a bigger challenge is to arrest the deterioration of their bilateral ties, which is now reminiscent of the bilateral hostility of the first two decades of the Cold War. If the U.S. and Russia address this problem and find some stability between themselves, it would help them bring the war in Ukraine to an end.

The colonial past is still relevant

Shashi Tharoor

is a third term Member of Parliament (Congress) from Thiruvananthapuram and the author of 24 books, including the Sahitya Akademi award-winning 'An Era of Darkness: The British Empire in India'

As a writer who, in some circles, is blamed (or credited, depending on your point of view) for having brought colonialism once again into the public consciousness, it may surprise some that I concede the limitations of anti-colonialism as a relevant discourse in the 21st century. Thankfully, it is no longer fashionable in most of the developing world to decry the evils of colonialism in assigning blame for every national misfortune. Internationally, the subject of colonialism is even more passé, since the need for decolonisation is no longer much debated, and there are, after all, no empires left. Yet, it would not be wise to consign colonialism to the proverbial dustbin of history. As I have pointed out in my writings and speeches, much of what we are is a product of the colonial era, and many of our ills can be traced directly to the impact of imperialism and the policies of colonial rulers. Colonialism remains a relevant factor in understanding the problems and the dangers of the world in which we live.

Still in stalemate

To begin with, residual problems from the end of the earlier era of colonisation, usually the result of untidy departures by the colonial power, still remain dangerously stalemated. The dramatic events in East Timor in 1999 are no longer fresh in the memory, and the more recent woes of neither Afghanistan nor Myanmar, can be attributed to colonialism. But no closure seems in sight in western Sahara, Jammu and Kashmir or in those old standbys of Cyprus and Palestine, all messy legacies of colonialism. Fuses lit in the colonial era could ignite again, as they did in the Horn of Africa, between Ethiopia and Eritrea, where war broke out over a colonial border that the Italians of an earlier era of occupation had failed to define with enough precision, and, more recently still, between the government of Ethiopia and its Tigrayan minority.

But it is not just the direct results of colonialism that remain relevant: there are the indirect ones as well. The intellectual history of colonialism is littered with many a wilful cause of more recent conflict. One is, quite simply, careless anthropology: the Belgian classification of Hutus and Tutsis in Rwanda and Burundi, which reified a distinction that had not existed before, continues to haunt the region of the African Great Lakes. A related problem is that of motivated sociology: how much bloodshed do we owe, for instance, to the British invention of "martial races" in India, which skewed recruitment into the armed forces and saddled some communities (Punjabi Muslims, for instance) with the onerous burden of militarism? And one can never overlook the old colonial administrative habit of "divide and rule", exemplified, again, by British policy in the subcontinent after 1857, systematically promoting political divisions between Hindus and Muslims, which led inexorably to the tragedy of Partition. Such colonial-era distinctions were not just pernicious; they were often accompanied by an unequal distribution of the resources of the state within the colonial society. Belgian colonialists favoured Tutsis, leading to Hutu rejection of them as alien interlopers; Sinhalese resentment of privileges enjoyed by the Tamils in the colonial era in Sri Lanka prompted the discriminatory policies after Independence, that in turn fuelled the Tamil revolt.

> Colonialism cannot be a forgotten factor in understanding the problems and the dangers of today's world

Danger from a 'mixed' history

A "mixed" colonial history within one modern state is also a potential source of danger. When a state has more than one colonial past, its future is vulnerable. Secessionism, after all, can be prompted by a variety of factors, historical, geographical and cultural as well as "ethnic". Ethnicity or language hardly seem to be a factor in the secessions (one recognised, the other not) of Eritrea from Ethiopia and the "Republic of Somaliland" from Somalia. Rather, it was different colonial experiences (Italian rule in Eritrea and British rule in Somaliland) that set them off, at least in their own self-perceptions, from the rest of their ethnic compatriots. A similar case can be made in respect of the former Yugoslavia, where parts of the country that had been under Austro-Hungarian rule for 800 years had been joined to parts that spent almost as long under Ottoman suzerainty. The war that erupted in 1991 was in no small measure a war that pitted those parts of Yugoslavia that had been ruled by German-speaking empires against those that had not (or had resisted such colonisation).

Boundaries drawn in colonial times, even if unchanged after independence, still create enormous problems of national unity, especially in Africa. Civil conflict along ethnic or regional lines can arise when the challenge of nation-building within colonially-drawn boundaries becomes insurmountable. Where colonial constructions force disparate peoples together by the arbitrariness of a colonial map-maker's pen, nationhood becomes an elusive notion. Older tribal and clan loyalties in Africa were mangled by the boundaries drawn, in such distant cities as Berlin, for colonially-created states whose post-independence leaders had to invent new traditions and national identities out of whole cloth. The result was the manufacture of unconvincing political myths, as artificial as the countries they mythologise, which all-too-often cannot command genuine patriotic allegiance from the citizenry they aim to unite. Civil war is made that much easier for local leaders challenging a "national" leader whose nationalism fails to resonate across his country. Rebellion against such a leader is, after all, merely the reassertion of history over "his" story.

Crisis of governance

State failure in the wake of colonialism is another evident source of conflict, as the by-product of an unprepared newly-independent state's inability to govern. The crisis of governance in many African countries is a real and abiding cause for concern in world affairs today. The collapse of effective central governments – as manifest in Sierra Leone and South Sudan recently, and in Liberia and Somalia before that – could unleash a torrent of alarming possibilities: a number of "weak states", particularly in Africa, seem vulnerable to collapsing in a welter of conflict.

Underdevelopment in post-colonial societies is itself a cause of conflict. The uneven development of infrastructure in a poor country, as a result of priorities skewed for the benefit of the colonialists, can lead to resources being distributed unevenly, which in turn leads to increasing fissures in a society between those from "neglected regions" and those who are better served by roads, railways, power stations, telecommunications, bridges and canals. Advancing underdevelopment in many countries of the South, which are faring poorly in their desperate struggle to remain as players in the game of global capitalism, has created conditions of desperate poverty, ecological collapse and rootless, unemployed populations beyond the control of atrophying state systems – a portrait vividly painted by Robert Kaplan in his book *The Coming Anarchy*, which suggests the real danger of perpetual violence on the peripheries of our global village.

Even in the third decade of the 21st century, therefore, it seems ironically clear that tomorrow's anarchy might still be due, in no small part, to yesterday's colonial attempts at order. I have no wish to give those politicians in post-colonial countries, whose leadership has been found wanting in the present, any reason to find excuses for their failures in the past. But in looking to understand possible future sources of conflict in our times, we have to realise that sometimes the best crystal ball is a rear-view mirror.

Tested but tired, this force could be in distress

K.V. Madhusudhanan

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A day of remembrance of the Pulwama attack passed yet again last month. The attack that happened on February 14, 2019, claimed the lives of 40 personnel who were a part of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), India's largest paramilitary force. The Pulwama attack was different as it resulted in unprecedented public outcry. The emotional response it evoked in the country cut across all sections of society. As a force, the CRPF takes everything in its stride.

Before this dark day, on April 6, 2010, 76 CRPF personnel were felled by left-wing extremists numbering in their hundreds, in Dantewada district in Chhattisgarh. It is saddening that this terrible attack faded away from public attention even though it was another dark day –it remains the deadliest attack on security forces in any counter-insurgency or anti-terrorist operations in independent India.

A warning sign

The internal security scenario in the country has been showing marginal improvement especially in insurgency-affected northeast India. But one can say that there has been 'insignificant improvement' in left-wing extremism areas and also terrorist-affected Kashmir. It is here that the point about deployment levels is of relevance. The deinduction of the Indian Army has taken place, with the void filled mainly by the CRPF. Hence, personnel of these forces continue to be tasked with carrying out hard duties and are overstretched without any rest or respite. As a consequence, training becomes compromised. The need to hone tactical skills cannot be overlooked as it would adversely reflect in the operational capabilities of any force, making them vulnerable to surreptitious attacks by anti-national forces.

> The genuine grievances of India's paramilitary forces need to be addressed

The central government has been compelled to entrust a number of assignments that are becoming riskier by the day to these forces – especially to the CRPF because of the force's versatility and flexible operational procedures. The huge and continuous deployment of the regular army would invite adverse attention from the international press and, consequently, the perspective of other world nations would also be coloured. It is natural that the CRPF pays for it the hard way. A cursory glance of records in the various operational theatres in India in the last few years would reveal the higher casualty rates suffered by the paramilitary. These tested but tired forces can attain and maintain the optimum level of performance needed only if the training and the morale of their personnel are taken care of. Without addressing these aspects, any induction or introduction of any potent weaponry or technology would hardly bring about desired change.

Need for parity

What makes the observance of Pulwama day different from previous years is that former personnel and their families turned up in large numbers in different parts of the country to demand the old pension scheme to serving members of the fraternity. The old pension scheme was stopped for personnel joining service after December 31, 2003.

They cited the Delhi High Court order of December 2022 that reiterated their status as a force under the category of 'Armed Forces of the union'. It is no surprise that a day of remembrance was used to give vent to pent-up feelings of discrimination *vis-à-vis* the regular armed forces (the Indian Army, the Indian Navy and the Indian Air Force) in matters that range from pension to service facilities such as Canteen Stores Department. The fraternity is grieved that despite facing a war-like situation on a daily basis – a point that is recognised by the public and the judiciary – the government is reluctant to grant the paramilitary these benefits.

The most important goal in observing Pulwama day should be to avoid a repeat of that dark day in 2019. The lessons learnt will have to be analysed and corrective measures taken. For the government, it would be only appropriate and befitting to listen to the genuine grievances of the personnel of the forces concerned as public opinion seems to be mobilised in favour of the paramilitary forces. The morale of these personnel needs to be kept high. It would help the security environment of the nation if paramilitary personnel feel that they are being treated on a par with comparable defence forces personnel.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The search for dialogue

Parliament is once again in a familiar and protracted logjam that threatens the extinction of debate. And worse, we repeatedly err in its misuse. The seminal issue on date is whether the nation is keen to recapture an innate ethos of an emancipated and consultative parliamentary dispensation. To sustain such spirit, the keystone of any progressive democracy, its fountainhead has to be the Treasury Bench. Dialogue and consultation no longer remain a part of the government's operating procedure. Consequently, it has come to look upon the Opposition as no more than an electoral rival.

R. Narayanan,
Navi Mumbai

Court on Governor

The valuable time of the judiciary is being taken away by politicians, parties and politics. There should be a separate court just to look into the never-ending woes of politicians and parties. The higher judiciary's time is precious and invaluable. The judiciary is also struggling with a mountain of pendency cases. Does any political party realise this fact? Is not the common man suffering as his wait for justice is getting longer? It is an extremely sad state of affairs when Governors are to be reminded of their responsibilities and duties (Page 1, "Governor cannot precipitate the fall of an elected govt.: Supreme Court", March 16). Most of our politicians are senior people with much experience and are not schoolchildren to be taught basic lessons. Maharashtra is not the only State that has been suffering. There are many other States which do not have a perfect healthy relationship between the Governor and the Chief Minister.

Balasubramaniam Pavani,
Secunderabad

Though belated, the Court has rightly questioned the acts of some Governors in facilitating the fall of duly-elected governments. People have only been watching this murder of democracy helplessly. It is laudable that a warning has been given to those who trample on constitutional provisions by following the dictates of certain political masters.

Tharcius S. Fernando,
Chennai

Training for GH doctors

I write this letter as a retired (and first) Dean of the Kanyakumari Government Medical College, Tamil Nadu. I would like to congratulate the cardiac surgery team at the Rajiv Gandhi Government General Hospital, Chennai, for the successful management of a patient who had experienced multiple cardiac arrests. The case was managed with 30-minute cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), six shocks at intervals, angioplasty in 18 minutes and coordination between the emergency and cardiac teams which helped revive the 35-year-old patient, who had suffered seven or eight cardiac arrests. It is possible that the patient could have been treated by an experienced electro-physiology cardiologist. The episode also highlights the need for the government to facilitate training for cardiologists of the General Hospitals by experts in electrophysiology as, to my knowledge, there are no electro-physiology cardiologists in the General Hospitals. Or, Government Hospitals should avail the services of private practitioners who must think of carrying out free surgeries.

Dr. U. Arunachalam,
Nagercoil, Tamil Nadu

ODF claim

It is shocking that four government survey reports have contradicted the claim about the open defecation-free (ODF) status of most States (Opinion page, 'Data Point', March 13). Why this disparity when it comes to such important statistics? The government should not mislead us. It is alarming that 21.3% of rural households do "not have access to any type of latrine".

D. Sethuraman,
Chennai

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Are educated women likely to marry later?

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PARLEY

In February, when the Assam government launched a massive crackdown on child marriage, social activists pointed out that the root of the problem, i.e., limited access to education among women, is not being sufficiently addressed. National Family Health Survey (NFHS) data show that higher education levels could play a greater role than wealth in delaying a woman's marriage. For example, the median marriage age of a woman who has completed over 11 years of schooling is 23 compared to 17.6 for a woman with less than five years of schooling. The data also reflect wide variations between the marital age of rural and urban women, and Dalit and upper-caste women. In a conversation moderated by **Sonikka Loganathan**, Mary E. John and Rajni Palriwala discuss whether educated women are likely to marry later. Excerpts:

Does education or wealth play a greater role in determining when a woman gets married?

Mary E. John: Education has a longer history of being significant. I use the word 'significant' and not 'determining,' which is too strong a word. Depending on (NFHS) data, you could say that over time, while education has had a steady influence, poverty has had an increasing influence. However, we should use data as clues, not as facts. But yes, over time, wealthier people are no longer marrying their daughters early; it no longer works for their marriage market. But among the very poor, this practice continues to a much greater degree.

Rajni Palriwala: Poverty is the greatest determinant of early marriage. The poor do not want to wait as there will be more demand for dowry then. Among the wealthy, the age of marriage may increase up to a certain point and then plateau, as the rich too have a greater need to exert control over their young, even more so than the poor.

Why do the rich too have a greater need to exert control over their young?

RP: For the wealthy, their perceptions of self, status and place within the community are more important. They feel that if they are powerful and wealthy and cannot even control the young, how will they do anything else? If daughters make a 'wrong' marriage, their place in the community gets questioned. And the marriage of the child affects the marriage of the next generation too.

MEJ: They wish to shape the marriage choices of their children to maintain control over land, assets, family lineage. Among some economically better off castes, early marriage

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may still be prevalent. For example, among the Gujjars, you can find a woman betrothed before she completes her education and then she continues her education after marriage.

What role does marriage play in India?

MEJ: It is the most significant institution. For daughters, their family's responsibility is realised with their marriage. When it comes to sons, the responsibility is to settle them in a job, which in turn will also hopefully lead to a marriage. Marriage is a woman's primary economic security. This is made up of many layers of payments, like dowry, and what each family will bring to the marriage. Two, social identity. A woman who remains single continues to be an anomaly, because we have near-universal marriage. Three, sexual respectability. Those who wish to be have social respect have sexual relationships within marriage. Four, the option to have children. A woman may decide at some point that she wants to have a child without having a husband. In the Indian context, this is completely unacceptable.

RP: Most marriages are endogamous. This is central to maintaining caste and community lines and hierarchy. In terms of gender dimensions, marriage, by and large, means that the woman lives with her husband's family or is seen as becoming a member of her husband's family. Marriage is necessary to maintain that gender contract. If the sons are the future of the family, the clan and the community, the parents want a say in who the daughter-in-law will be.

What are some advantages that families see in getting women married earlier instead of educating them further?

RP: To maintain caste and community [lines], the match has to be carefully monitored. It has to take place at a time when the young are not only emotionally attached to the parents, but also dependent on them and hence obedient. The marriage market is deeply segmented by

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> **MARY E. JOHN**

caste, wealth, urban, rural, and gender. Girls don't grow up outside the ideas of that segmentation, they go along with what they have learned. Dowry also remains central. The wealthy can give dowry, but they don't want to have to give too much dowry. The more educated a girl, the more the boy has to be educated too and the higher the dowry. Also, there's the responsibility of protecting her sexually before marriage. And that responsibility gets transferred to the boy's family. After marriage, the girl goes to live with her husband's family, so why spend on her education?

Women are increasingly getting access to education. Does this result in more empowerment? Do they have more of a choice to work rather than get married?

MEJ: We have a very peculiar pattern of employment for women. The female labour force participation rate is 25%. You have small pockets of better-off women who find careers. Otherwise, we're seeing job losses in which women are the biggest losers. If you have low and declining employment rates, you are going to see a greater burden on marriage as a means of economic security. There has been an expansion in access to education; we now have near gender parity in our colleges. But does it translate to greater access to jobs? No. We are looking at a very high proportion of educated but unemployed women. Those who do enter, say, the corporate sector often leave because these workplaces are hostile. Or they're unable to combine domestic expectations with the demands of the workplace.

RP: There is very little change in the conjugal contract and there is very little autonomy for girls and women. Even the most educated woman finds that the entire domestic burden falls on her, and the man is still assumed to have the power to determine how the family should be. So, the question is whether increasing age of marriage enables women to change that conjugal contract. Do they have autonomy then?

MEJ: It's a narrow focus when we go on about underage marriage as the most harmful thing that is happening. If we were to assume that a higher age of marriage would automatically lead to more empowerment, more autonomy, more freedom, we are making a mistake.

What are the reasons for a family supporting a woman to get education and get a job rather than getting married? What are the perceived advantages of that?

RP: There are families whose daughters get into small jobs. They are earning, maybe their own dowry, so they delay the marriage, or they are helping in the education of the siblings. But beyond a point, it becomes counterproductive, because they have to add that much more dowry. And there's also a very strong idea among most communities that parents should not live off their daughter's income. Marriage is marrying up, and when you marry up, the up-ness of the people your daughter marries reflects on you. It may be in terms of wealth, which means more dowry. Generally boys with a professional job and good education will want a wife who earns. That also becomes a reason to delay the daughter's marriage. They think the daughter will have a better marriage then – everyone has the hope that an educated person will be treated better. They don't realise that domestic violence is very high among the educated and the middle class.

Women in SC/ST/OBC communities get married when they are far younger than even those in rural India. Why is this?

RP: When we talk of Dalits, Adivasis and OBCs, there is a fair deal of correlation between caste and poverty. They lack decent work, and are vulnerable to violence from those higher in the hierarchy. All of these factors mean that girls are even more vulnerable. Dalit girls, in particular, are more vulnerable to sexual predators as young upper-caste men feel that they have a right of access. Marriage is a sort of protection for these girls.

MEJ: This is where I come back to the concern that we should think of (NFHS) data as only clues. When we analyse economic status, educational status, caste identity, community identity, rural-urban location, we are trying to separate different factors that constitute who we are. We are a combination of all of these, and these factors interact with each other. Disadvantage, in social and economic terms, comes together when we talk about SCs, STs and OBCs. Families who belong to these groups experience the sense of being socially disadvantaged in the marriage market. But they are also poor. The lower wealth quintiles are disproportionately populated by SC, ST and OBCs. So, a combination of social and economic disadvantages give you the result that you see.

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NOTEBOOK

Learning lessons from the silent voter

How political reporters can navigate the social minefield when asked about possible electoral outcomes

Nistula Hebbar

We are well into a year filled with electoral contests in various States, which will be followed by campaigning frenzy for the Lok Sabha elections scheduled for mid-2024. For political journalists, this will be a busy year of travel and coverage. It will also be one where we will need some defence in the face of that frequent and pointed question, who do you think is winning?

In earlier days, before we became serious and divided in our 'WhatsAppverses', elections were a carnival, and emotional investment in the outcome was restricted to candidates and political parties. At the most, to make things interesting, we would set up an office pool and the person winning the bet would buy us a round of chai and samosas at work.

Not so now. In today's deeply partisan political environment, reporters need to read the room (or WhatsApp chat group) before revealing the answer to that all-important question of who we think will win. This is frankly a tougher job than filing despatches from the campaign trail.

After several years of being shunned by many for not giving echo chamber-compliant answers (even if the results proved that I was right), I felt I needed a strategy to protect myself. But what could this defensive strategy be? Who could I go to for help in strategising? I then realised that being a political journalist, the answer to my question lay in the very pool of people who resolve political connundrums, namely, the Indian electorate.

The first big learning for a political reporter on the field is that there are vocal voters and silent voters. Almost always, there are some who are candid about their support for a party whereas others who often belong to the more vulnerable social groups remain silent and appreciate the secret ballot. In electoral reverses – results contrary to the majority of

the media narratives – it is the silent voters who make up the undercurrent of support for the less expected party to win. Listening to these silent voters amid the cacophony of those providing the more socially 'safe' opinion is one big way of getting an election outcome right. But this is not an easy task.

In almost all the election campaigns I have covered, I have developed a healthy respect for the capacity of the voters, especially the non-local ones, to bamboozle journalists. Even before we can put forth our (mostly) intrusive questions, the voters make an assessment about our background and leanings. The conversation is usually peppered with opinions that we are predisposed to hearing; opinions that reaffirm a certain confirmation bias. The job of the journalist is to escape being fooled and to read the phrases and words being used in order to understand the subtle messaging.

These two lessons from the Indian voter – of largely speaking with their vote and maintaining the secrecy of the ballot; and, if forced to commit to an outcome, to read the room correctly – are invaluable. This is not an encouragement to lie or display pusillanimity; after all, a journalist's despatches paint the picture of what they have seen. It is simply a lesson on how to answer that all-important question on electoral outcomes and negotiate a social minefield carefully.

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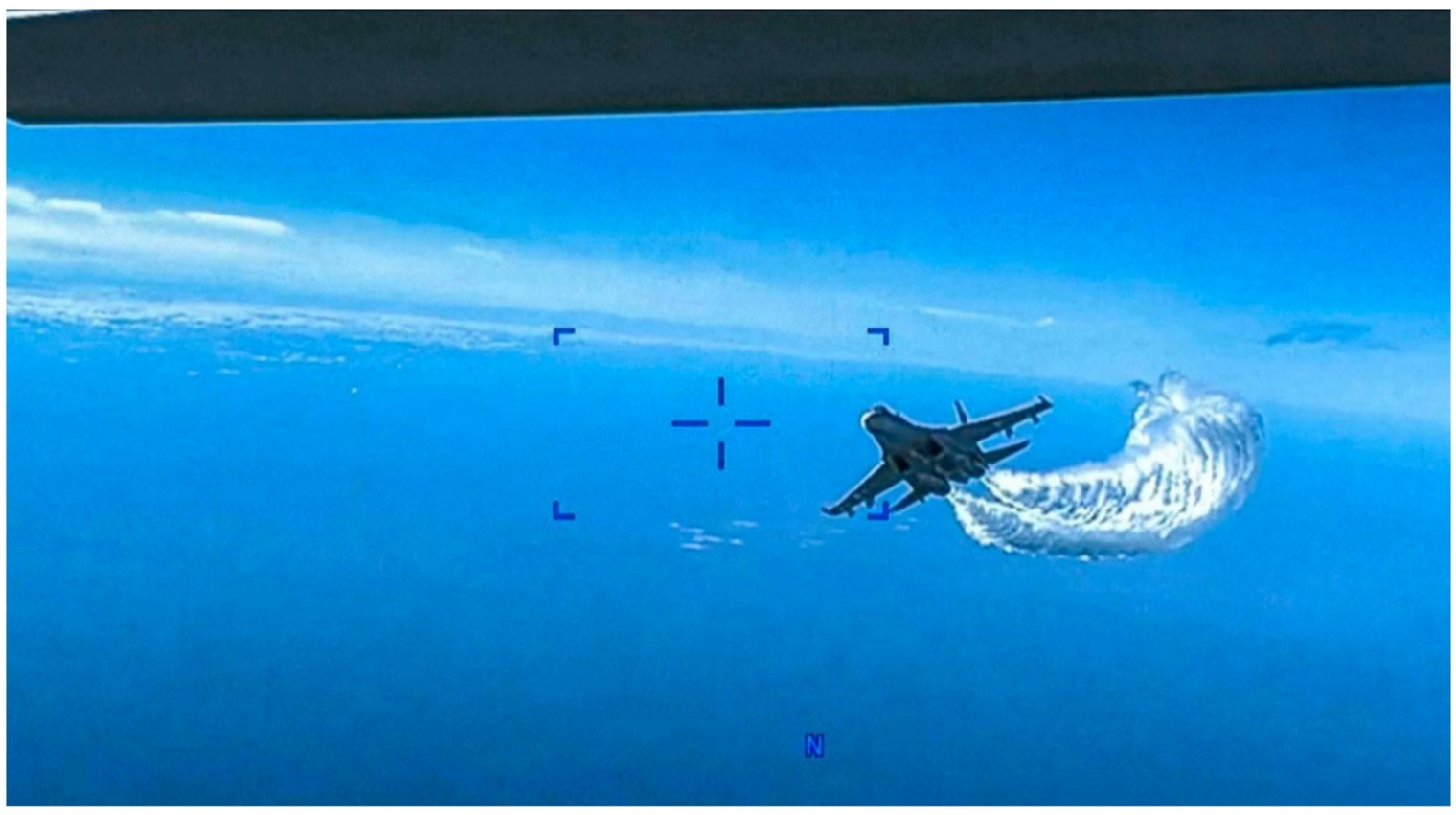
PICTURE OF THE WEEK

A mid-air encounter



This photo taken from a video released on March 16, 2023, shows what the Pentagon described as a Russian aircraft conducting an unsafe intercept of a U.S. Air Force surveillance drone over the Black Sea on March 14. The Pentagon said a Russian Su-27 approached the back of a MQ-9 drone over the Black Sea and released fuel as it passed. The U.S. military said it ditched the MQ-9 drone in the sea after the Russian fighter jet poured fuel and then struck the propeller of the drone. AP(FULL REPORT ON WORLD PAGE)

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FIFTY YEARS AGO MARCH 17, 1973

Steps for quick disposal of cases by courts

Indore, March 16: The Union Minister of State for Law and Justice, Mr. Nitiraj Singh, described the delay in execution of justice as 'chronic and most depressing' and said the Government was trying to simplify procedures for expeditious disposal of cases by the judiciary. Addressing a press conference convened for the first time by the Press Information Bureau of the Union Government in Indore on March 13, Mr. Nitiraj Singh admitted that over 73,000, 64,000 and 40,000 cases were pending before the Calcutta, Allahabad and Bombay High Courts, respectively, besides 12,000 in Madhya Pradesh. He disclosed that the State Governments had been advised to appoint more Judges. The Union Minister said the present judicial set-up, having been based on the British pattern, gave enough weightage to traders and other vested interests and said that it should be changed to implement effectively the provisions relating to the constitutional guarantee of equality before the law to the citizens.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO MARCH 17, 1923

Troop reduction

London, Mar 16: In the House of Commons, replying to the debate on War Estimates, Mr. Guinness said, the War Office had agreed to the reduction of infantry battalions in India. The question of reduction of cavalry and artillery was still being considered. The War Office was unable to agree with the Government of India regarding proposals for reductions in the number of units, but was discussing cutting down establishments.

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Neither side backing down, logjam runs on

The House was adjourned till 2 p.m. without even the procedural functions such as laying of the papers and standing committee reports. The post-lunch sitting was even shorter.

In the Rajya Sabha, Trinamool MPs sported black gags in the Well and other Opposition members stood on their seats shouting slogans. Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar's pleas to maintain order went in vain. In the afternoon, Deputy Chairman Harivansh faced a similar challenge. Even before the Upper House met at 2 p.m., the Trinamool MPs made a circle around the table of the House. Watch and Ward personnel were assigned near the Chair. Mr. Harivansh adjourned the House for the day without taking up any business.

Meanwhile, in the Parliament complex at 12:30 p.m., Opposition leaders formed a human chain questioning the government's studied silence on the alleged stock manipulation by the Adani Group. Barring the Trinamool Congress, which did not participate in the protest, all major Opposition parties were represented.

Among the major Opposition parties, the Trinamool Congress is alone in not supporting the demand for a JPC probe. The party, while demanding a debate specifically on the risk that SBI and LIC funds face because of investments in the Adani group, believes that a Supreme Court-monitored probe – which is already under way – will be more effective.

At a press conference later, the Trinamool's Rajya Sabha leader Derek O'Brien said the Congress should make up its mind. "In Tripura, you will be friends with the Left, that's your choice, in Bengal you will fight us tooth and nail... then in Meghalaya, before the election, you will write a litany on how bad Trinamool is. In Kerala, your friends in Meghalaya and Bengal will become your enemy."

The Trinamool also accused Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah of turning Parliament into a "deep dark chamber".

13 Opposition parties urge EC to hold J&K poll

Several regional parties from J&K, including the Peoples Democratic Party, Awami National Conference, National Panthers Party and the J&K Shiv Sena also supported it. Other signatories included T.R. Baalu from the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam, Manoj Kumar Jha from the Rashtriya Janata Dal, Ram Gopal Yadav from the Samajwadi Party, and Sanjay Singh from the Aam Aadmi Party.

"We, the signatories to this memorandum representing different political parties of J&K and various national parties, implore and request the EC to announce the Assembly elections in J&K without any further delay and notify the election schedule so that the democratic rights of the people of J&K and access to democratic institutions is restored," the memorandum reads.

In disregard of the letter and spirit of the Constitution, an unrepresentative and unaccountable bureaucracy is being allowed to run the government to the discomfort and inconvenience of the general public, it added.

Election was last held in 2014

J&K saw its last Assembly election in 2014. It has been under the direct rule of Delhi since 2018. In 2019, J&K was split into two Union Territories and its special constitutional position was ended.

Referring to the statements of the Union Home Minister and other government functionaries that the Central government was ready to facilitate Assembly election and that the final call was to be taken by the EC, the memorandum said, "The EC is under a constitutional obligation to hold Assembly elections in J&K."

"The EC assured us that they're looking into this matter," Dr. Abdullah said.

SC reserves judgment on Maharashtra political row

Justice P.S. Narasimha says there is no freedom in regional parties; Bench deliberates on whether Governor can call for trust vote on being approached by a group of MLAs who have left a party

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Thursday addressed former Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray on how there is an "absolute" lack of freedom within regional political parties, which are mostly run by single families.

"There is absolutely no freedom in regional parties, except for one leader. Many a time, it is a family which runs it and there is no scope of anybody else coming into the frame. There is no alternative... it is impossible," Justice P.S. Narasimha, one of the five judges on the Constitution Bench headed by Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud, orally observed.

The remark came during the final day of the hearing of the political dispute between Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde and Mr. Thackeray on the control of the Shiv Sena and the circumstances that led to the fall of the Maha Vikas Aghadi government in the State in 2022.

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> JUSTICE P.S. NARASIMHA

The Bench reserved the case for judgment.

Justice Narasimha's observation came when senior advocate Kapil Sibal, for Mr. Thackeray's side, said constitutional law found it "suspect" when legislators, suddenly, as a group, at the same time, one day, decided to resign from a ruling coalition, as was seen in Madhya Pradesh. The Kamal Nath government had fallen when some Congress MLAs resigned and joined the rival BJP.

However, in Maharashtra, Mr. Shinde and his supporters had not resigned. "Naturally, they did not resign because they felt they would want to be Ministers in the new government. Resigning would have meant contesting elections, which they may or may not have won," Mr. Sibal submitted.

The Chief Justice asked whether the Governor, oblivious to the provisions of the Tenth Schedule, could call for a trust vote if a group of MLAs came to him saying they have left the ruling party. "Forget the Tenth Schedule, he (Governor) cannot call for a trust vote by recognising a faction in a political party which has no identity... which has no constitutional identity. They (these MLAs) cannot be seen as a group. They are individuals. There is no concept of a group within a legislature. Each is an individual. Government formation is only on alliances," Mr. Sibal responded.

The Chief Justice paraphrased Mr. Sibal's reply by saying that, according to the senior lawyer, the Governor could only call for a trust vote if a member-party in a coalition shifts and not when individuals within a party leave.

Defence acquisition proposals valued at ₹70,500 cr. cleared

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Accordance of AoN is a significant step as India is venturing into development of marine diesel engine

The Defence Acquisition Council (DAC), chaired by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, on Thursday accorded Acceptance of Necessity (AoN) for capital acquisition proposals estimated at ₹70,500 crore. Some of the projects are long-gestation projects involving indigenous design and development including the development of marine diesel engine.

The AoN has been accorded for capital acquisitions under 'Buy Indian-IDDM' (Indigenously Designed, Developed and Manufactured), the Defence Ministry said. "Out of the total proposals, Indian Navy proposals constitute more than ₹56,000 crore, which largely includes indigenous BrahMos cruise missiles, Shakti Electronic Warfare (EW) systems, Utility Helicopters-Maritime among others," it said in a statement. An AoN is the beginning of the long winding procurement process.

Other proposals include a Long Range Stand-Off Weapon (LRSOW) for the Indian Air Force (IAF) to be designed and developed indigenously and integrated on SU-30 MKI fighters and the indigenous 155mm/52-Calibre Advanced Towed Artillery Gun System (ATAGS) along with High Mobility Vehicles (HMVs) and Gun Towing Vehicles (GTVs) for the Army.

Accordance of AoN for medium-speed marine diesel engine is a significant step as, for the first time, India is venturing into the development and manufacturing of such engines indigenously to achieve self-reliance, the Ministry said.

One held after Fadnavis' wife files threat complaint

The Hindu Bureau
PUNE

Designer Anishka Anil Jaisinghani, daughter of bookie Anil Jaisinghani, was arrested by police on Thursday after Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis's wife Amruta accused her of "blackmailing and pressurising" her into withdrawing cases lodged against the bookie.

Mr. Jaisinghani, who was also named in the complaint, was still at large, said an official of the Malabar Hill police station where the FIR had been registered on February 20 on Ms. Fadnavis's complaint.

Speaking in the Maharashtra Legislative Assembly, Mr. Fadnavis said that his wife had been threatened with dire consequences regarding his political career, if she did not comply with Ms. Jaisinghani's demands. His statement came in response to Leader of the Opposition and Nationalist Congress Party leader Ajit Pawar seeking a clarification on the matter.

(With PTI inputs)

India welcomes confirmation of Eric Garcetti as U.S. Ambassador

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

India has welcomed the confirmation of U.S. Ambassador-designate Eric Garcetti by the Senate saying that New Delhi looks forward to work with him to advance bilateral relations. The statement from the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) came as past comments from Mr. Garcetti on the human rights record of India became viral over the past week which drew criticism from multiple stakeholders, including the Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP).

"Let me emphasise, we welcome the confirmation of Mr. Eric Garcetti as the Ambassador to India. We look forward to working with him to take forward our multifaceted bilateral relation," said MEA spokesperson Arindam Bagchi in response to a question from *The Hindu*. Mr. Garcetti's confirmation had been stuck at the legislative level in the U.S. where he faced multiple hurdles, including allegations of sexual harassment by his chief of staff, Rick Jacobs.

First choice: U.S. President Joe Biden greeting Eric Garcetti at Los Angeles International Airport in California. FILE PHOTO

Mr. Garcetti's confirmation was expected since July 2021 when President Joe Biden nominated him to be the U.S. Ambassador to India. Further revelations on Mr. Garcetti came in a right-wing news portal *Daily Caller* that alleged he had close links with Chinese officials. At the same time, a 2021 video showing him speak on India's Citizenship (Amendment) Act (CAA) also went viral.

'Poor understanding'

In the video, Mr. Garcetti is shown arguing before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee that he will take up human rights issues in India during his tenure and said, "I have fought for human rights on four different continents and will be a core part of what I will pursue with my Indian counterpart."

Responding to the video, VHP's national spokesperson Vinod Bansal told *The Hindu* that Mr. Garcetti's remarks on the CAA and the human rights scenario in India showed "his lack of understanding" of the Indian scenario.

"We welcome his confirmation but his comments on the largest democracy in the world shows that he is not fully informed about the Indian scenario. It will be better if he forms a better understanding of the issues relevant to India before taking up the post of the U.S. Ambassador here," said Mr. Bansal alleging that there had been a spike in "anti-India "propaganda" in the U.S.

Mr. Bagchi, however, clarified that Mr. Garcetti's comments on CAA did not originate recently and said, "Our position on many of these issues are well known."

Nuclear submarines

In the weekly interaction with the media, Mr. Bagchi said that Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese during his recent visit had briefed the Indian side about Canberra acquiring nuclear attack submarines (SSNs) in the interim under AUKUS (Australia-U.K.-U.S.) security group.

Initially, Australia will receive three second-hand SSNs in the next decade and eventually, between early 2040s to late 2050s, Australia will get five new SSNs to be designed and developed by the U.K.

The emergence of SSNs within AUKUS has indicated growing nuclearisation of the Indo-Pacific. Mr. Bagchi's comments indicated that India was on board the developments within AUKUS.

CBI books Sisodia for 'political snooping'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The CBI has registered a case against former Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia and six others in connection with the alleged irregularities related to a Feedback Unit (FBU) floated in 2016. A wrongful loss of about ₹36 lakh to the exchequer has been alleged.

Mr. Sisodia has already been arrested by the CBI in the excise policy case and at present is in the custody of the ED. Commenting on the development, Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal said that it was sad for the country that Prime Minister Narandra Modi's plan is to "slap several false cases against Mr. Sisodia and keep him in custody for a long period."

The mandate of the Unit was to collect "relevant information and actionable feedback regarding the working of various departments, autonomous bodies, institutions, entities, etc., in the jurisdiction of Delhi government and to conduct trap cases", the CBI alleged.

More than one lakh people opted for higher PF pension, Centre tells RS

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Centre on Thursday informed the Rajya Sabha that 1,20,279 employees have submitted joint options on the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) portal for higher pension. The Ministry said there is no option under the Employees Pension Scheme to allow employees to contribute towards the scheme on their own, where employers are not contributing for pension on actual salary.

Answering a question from CPI(M) MP John Brittas, Minister of State for Labour Rameswar Teli said the total number of beneficiaries of the Supreme Court judgment on higher PF pension will depend upon the employees who exercise joint option and the number of such employees who are eligible.

Mr. Teli maintained that the joint option for pension on higher wages is available to only those employees where employee's and employer's contributions were on actual salary exceeding the prevalent wage ceiling and who did not exercise the joint option under the para 11(3) of the pre-amendment Employees' Pension Scheme, 1995 prior to September 1, 2014 and continued to be members of the scheme.

Meanwhile, activist for pensioners' rights Parveen Kohli alleged that the EPFO cancelled his PPO for fighting for pensioners.

He said he has been exposing misdeeds of EPFO through RTI questions. "Even though, I had already exercised joint option under Para 26(6) within my service tenure, the EPFO has cancelled my PPO. EPFO had approved it earlier and my pension was ₹30,592 per month, whereas now it is ₹2,372," he said.

Mr. Kohli added that he has written to the authorities against the decision.

Kerala HC issues notice to PF Commissioner

The Hindu Bureau
KOCHI

The Kerala High Court has issued notice to the Union government and the Regional Provident Fund Commissioner (Pension) on a writ petition challenging the requirement to furnish proof of having paid higher provident fund contribution under Para 26(6) of the Employees Provident Fund Scheme by the employees for getting higher pension.

The writ petition by Sasheer S. and other 19 employees of the BSNL in Kerala, citing a High Court order, requested that the link released with regard to the option under Para 26(6) should be disabled or corrected as otherwise none of the employees/employers would be able to exercise the option under para 11(4) of the pension scheme.

Two pilots killed in Army copter crash in Arunachal Pradesh

Dinakar Peri
NEW DELHI

The ageing fleet of Cheetah and Chetak helicopters are in urgent need of replacement

An Army Aviation Cheetah helicopter flying an operational sortie near Mandala, west of Bomdila in Arunachal Pradesh, crashed on Thursday morning killing the two pilots, Lieutenant-Colonel V.V.B. Reddy and Major A. Jayanth. The helicopter lost contact with the ATC around 9.15 a.m.

"Five search parties of the Indian Army, Sashastra Seema Bal and Indo-Tibetan Border Police were immediately launched. The wreckage of the aircraft was found near Village Banglajaap East of Mandala," the Army said. "With regret, we inform that the pilot and the co-pilot of the helicopter lost their lives in the accident." A Court of Inquiry is being ordered to ascertain the cause of the accident.

Ageing copters

The ageing fleet of Cheetah and Chetak helicopters are in urgent need of replacement.

The Army Aviation operates around 190 Cheetah, Chetak and Cheetal helicopters, with five of them, the oldest, being over 50 years old. A bulk of the fleet, close to 130 of the 190, are between 30 to 50 years old, as reported by *The Hindu* earlier.

Assam student-poet free of sedition charges

The Hindu Bureau
GUWAHATI

A court in eastern Assam's Golaghat on Thursday acquitted poet Barshashree Buragohain of sedition charges.

Ms. Buragohain, an undergraduate student pursuing mathematics, was arrested on May 18, 2022, under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) for allegedly praising the outlawed United Liberation Front of Asom (Independent) and calling for rebellion against the nation.

The lines of her Assamese poem that the local authorities objected to were: "One more step in the direction of the sun of liberty. I will commit treason once more."

The rising sun is the symbol of the ULFA(I).

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Ms. Mahira Behna, Daughter of Ali Akbar 7 years admitted in Christian Medical College, is suffering from Thalassemia Major. This is a type of life threatening blood disorder. The best option for her would be to undergo allogeneic peripheral blood stem cell transplant (PBSCT). The estimated cost of PBSCT at this hospital is approximately is **Rs. 15,00,000**/-.

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Right to respond to BJP's allegations in House is test of democracy: Rahul

Congress leader seeks time from Lok Sabha Speaker to speak in House; he alleges that the uproar over his comments is a diversionary tactic of ruling party to avoid answering questions about the relationship between Prime Minister and Adani

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

If Indian democracy is functioning, then an Opposition leader against whom four Ministers have made allegations should be able to speak on the floor of the House, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi said on Thursday as he sought time from Lok Speaker Om Birla to put forward his views on the floor of the House.

Mr. Gandhi said that it would be a "test of democracy" whether he is allowed to respond to the allegations made by Ministers and Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leaders or is "told to shut up".

Rahul Gandhi and K.C. Venugopal at the Parliament House during the second phase of the Budget Session on Thursday. ANI

Parliament logjam

He added that the *tamaasha* (spectacle) around him was a "diversionary" tactic as the government was scared of answering his question about "the nature of relationship between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and business tycoon Gautam Adani".

The functioning of the second part of the Budget Session of Parliament has been paralysed for the past four days as the BJP has insisted that Mr. Gandhi should first tender an apology for his "democracy under attack" comment, made in London.

Union Ministers Rajnath Singh, Piyush Goyal, Pralhad Joshi and Smriti Irani were among those who spoke out and sought an apology from the former Congress chief.

"I went to Parliament this morning with the idea of putting what I have said, what I feel, on the floor of the House. Four Ministers have raised allegations against me in Parliament House. It is my right to be allowed to speak on the floor of the House. I requested to the Speaker today," Mr. Gandhi told presspersons at the All India Congress Committee (AICC) headquarters.

He said that Mr. Birla had heard him out, but was non-committal on allowing him to speak.

"I am a Member of Parliament and I am hopeful that I will be allowed to speak in Parliament," Mr. Gandhi said. "So, if Indian democracy was functioning, I would be able to say my piece in Parliament. So actually, what you are seeing, is a test of Indian democracy."

"After four leaders of the BJP have made an allegation about a Member of Parliament, is that Member going to be given the same space that those four Ministers have been given or is he going to be told to shut up? That's what the real question in front of this country is right now," the former Congress chief noted.

'Avoiding questions'

The Congress leader claimed that the BJP's counter offensive was a tactic to avoid uncomfortable questions on the Adani group getting India-Israel defence deals and contracts in Sri Lanka and Bangladesh, billions of dollars pledged by the State Bank of India, and rules being changed to give away airports to the group.

"So, these are relevant questions and the whole idea is that these questions must not be on the table. That is why this whole exercise of four or five Ministers, the Prime Minister is giving a speech to distract from this fundamental question: what is the relationship between the Prime Minister and Mr. Adani and his companies? And more importantly, whose money is in the shell companies?" Mr. Gandhi said.

If Congress leader does not apologise, we will start a campaign, says BJP

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) on Thursday said that Congress leader Rahul Gandhi "owed" an apology to the "140 crore people of India" following his remarks abroad on the "fall of democracy" in India. The BJP added that if an apology was not forthcoming, the party would launch a campaign.

Former Union Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad made these remarks while addressing a press briefing at the BJP headquarters in New Delhi. Slamming Mr. Gandhi's comment that whether he is permitted to speak in Parliament or not is a test of democracy, Mr. Prasad said that his comments could not become the "barometer" of success or failure of democracy.

Ravi Shankar Prasad

'Derailing democracy'

The remarks came on a day when Union Law Minister Kiren Rijiju kept up the BJP's campaign to raise this issue every day of the Parliament session.

"Mr. Gandhi has made it into a habit to derail Indian democracy, criticise it and demean whenever he goes abroad. In his press meet, he did not express any regrets over his remarks. We are clear that Rahul Gandhi must apologise and we will campaign across the country if he does not," Mr. Prasad said.

He said Mr. Gandhi was an elected MP from Wayanad, and noted that the Congress had recently won "a closely fought election" in Himachal Pradesh.

"If you win elections, democracy is fine but when you lose, Indian democracy is under threat? If you are not being voted in, it is because of your acts of omission and commission," Mr. Prasad added.

When it was pointed out that Mr. Gandhi had said that as a parliamentarian, he would first speak inside Parliament on his remarks, he said that he had made his remarks at a meeting organised by civil society and not in Parliament.

Mr. Rijiju said Mr. Gandhi had "lied" about India in London. First, he said he was not allowed to speak in Parliament, which was "totally incorrect" as he spoke more than the allocated time and "he spoke freely". Second, Mr. Rijiju said, Mr. Gandhi said he was not allowed to speak in colleges and universities which was also, according to him, "completely false".

"During his yatra, he spoke every day multiple times, day and night, criticising the government," the Law Minister said.

Political atmosphere in West Bengal is volatile: Calcutta HC

The Hindu Bureau
KOLKATA

Making scathing observations on the political situation in West Bengal, the Calcutta High Court has said the "political discourse and atmosphere in the State remains volatile and substantially vitiated".

These observations were recorded in an order by Justice Rajasekhar Mantha on Wednesday, while hearing a petition filed by lawyer and Congress spokesperson Koustav Bagchi. Despite objections raised by lawyers representing the State government, the court did not remove the remarks from the order.

Mr. Bagchi was arrested by the Burtola police on March 3, and was granted bail the same day. The allegations against the lawyer-turned-politician is that he, during a television talk show, made certain statements which provoke breach of peace and insult the modesty of Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee. The court observed that in respect of the offences mentioned in the FIR, the Burtolla police were obliged at least to have conducted a preliminary inquiry to ascertain the veracity of the complaint.

"There is no evidence before this court that the contents of the television interview were examined," the court said. It directed the Commissioner of Police to order an inquiry into the circumstances under which the petitioner was taken into custody and if any basic inquiry was conducted before detaining him and his family.

EC proposal to allow e-postal ballot for overseas voters under review: Law Minister

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

It is being discussed with the Ministry of External Affairs to 'iron out' logistical challenges, he said

The Election Commission (EC) has proposed to change the rules pertaining to the conduct of elections to facilitate the electronically transmitted postal ballot system for overseas Indian voters and the matter is being discussed with the Ministry of External Affairs to "iron out" logistical challenges in implementing it, Union Minister of Law and Justice Kiren Rijiju informed the Rajya Sabha on Thursday.

In a written reply to a question by BJP leader G.V.L. Narasimha Rao, Mr. Rijiju said the total number of overseas voters on January 1 stood at over 1.15 lakh.

The Law Minister said that, on the recommendation of the EC, the Representation of the People (Amendment) Bill, 2018 to enable overseas electors to cast their vote, either in person or by proxy, was passed by the Lok Sabha in August 2018.

The Bill had been pending in the Rajya Sabha for consideration but lapsed when the 16th Lok Sabha was dissolved.

On judicial vacancies

In response to another question regarding judicial vacancies in High Courts, the Law Minister said there were a total of 334 vacancies in various HCs.

"Presently, there are a total of 118 proposals recommended by High Court Collegiums, which are at various stages of processing. The recommendations against 216 vacancies in the High Courts are yet to be received from the High Court Collegiums," he said.

Mr. Rijiju also said that though there is no provision for reservation in the judiciary, the government had been requesting High Court Chief Justices that due consideration be given to suitable candidates belonging to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Other Backward Classes, minorities, and women to ensure "social diversity" in appointments to the higher judiciary.

High Court sets aside reappointment of 24 Vice-Chancellors

The Hindu Bureau
KOLKATA

The Calcutta High Court has set aside the West Bengal Education Department's decision to reappoint 24 Vice-Chancellors of State-aided universities, on the grounds that these appointments were "unsustainable and without the authority of law".

These appointments were made without the approval of the Governor who is ex-officio Chancellor of the State-aided universities. The appointments were done during the regime of former West Bengal Governor Jagdeep Dhankhar. According to the officials of the State Higher Education Department, the order is not likely to have an impact on the present situation, as the present Governor, C.V. Ananda Bose, had, a few weeks ago, accepted the resignation of the 24 V-Cs and given an extension for a period of three months.

The State's Education Minister, Bratya Basu, said the appointment of Vice-Chancellors at present is with the consent of the Governor. "We are fully in agreement with the Honourable High Court observations that without the consent of the Governor, the State government cannot appoint Vice-Chancellors. At present, the Vice-Chancellors who are appointed are with the consent of the Governor," the Minister said. The order came in response to a public interest litigation filed by Anupam Bera in April 2022.

Delhi Police issue notice to Rahul Gandhi

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Delhi Police has issued notice to Congress leader Rahul Gandhi over his "women are still being sexually assaulted" comment made during the Bharat Jodo Yatra in Srinagar, officials said on Thursday.

He has been asked to give details about women who have approached him, so that security can be provided to them.

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Patrick French, historian and author with deep India connect, dies in U.K.

Suhasini Haidar
NEW DELHI

World-renowned biographer and historian Patrick French, who was the inaugural Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences at Ahmedabad University, passed away in London on Thursday, after a four-year battle with cancer.

Mr. French, 56, authored a series of books, but was most famous for his biographies of the Trinidadian writer V.S. Naipaul, and Francis Younghusband, a British explorer in Tibet. "He was, without doubt, one of the finest biographers of our times," historian Ramchandra Guha, who had a long association with Mr. French, told *The Hindu*.

Along with a number of award-winning books, Mr. French was known for his research and compilation of an open-access dataset on the career paths of each Lok Sabha Member in 2011, studying their links, dynastic roots, student activism, regional backgrounds and other factors.

Patrick French

Mr. French was born in London in 1966. He was sent to a strict Catholic school in remote Yorkshire, where he was close friends with William Dalrymple, British author and historian who moved to India. Mr. French then studied British and American literature at the University of Edinburgh and University College London.

Mr. Dalrymple said that Mr. French, who came from an Irish family, "honed his sense of the absurd and resistance to authority which stayed with him all his life" while at the school, which was run by monks known for their tough discipline. "He was always sceptical of the establishment," said Mr. Dalrymple, explaining Mr. French's decision to turn down the Order of the British Empire in 2003.

At the time, Mr. French had said that accepting an award from a "government or a monarch" would limit his independence. "The greatest thing about being a writer is that you have freedom to say what you think...Once you take a medal from a government or a monarch, it looks as if you have been brought into the fold," he told the BBC.

First book

Over time, the subjects of Mr. French's work drew him inexorably to India. In 1994, he published his first book, *Younghusband: The Last Great Imperial Adventurer*, about the British soldier who led a military expedition to Tibet in 1904, on a journey through the Rohtang pass and Sikkim, which Mr. French travelled in part during the research for his book. While Colonel Younghusband, who led a brutal "invasion" of Tibet, was scathing about the people in the region, Mr. French was never so.

He kept up his travel-writing but also began to write more about politics, with frequent columns and television appearances that made him a recognised public intellectual in India. He wrote *Liberty or Death: India's Journey to Independence and Division* in 1998, *Tibet, Tibet: A Personal History of a Lost Land* in 2003 which drew him further to the Dalai Lama in India, his much acclaimed official biography of V.S. Naipaul *The World Is What It Is: The Authorized Biography of V.S. Naipaul* in 2008, and *India: A Portrait* in 2011, each of which won him several international awards.

In his final years, Mr. French was working on *The Golden Woman: The Authorized Biography of Doris Lessing*, the activist and novelist. The book is understood to have been "substantially completed". Mr. French's writing style stood out for its empathy, possibly born of the many causes he identified with, from environmentalism, to Tibet and anti-colonialism.

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INBRIEF

BRO opens strategic Zojila Pass in record 68 days

The Border Roads Organisation (BRO) on Thursday opened the strategic Zojila Pass located in the Greater Himalayan Range at an altitude of 11,650 feet, which acts as a gateway between the Union Territories of Ladakh, and Jammu & Kashmir. It remained closed for only 68 days this year as compared to 73 days last year and 160-180 days in the past. "Since the first week of February, snow clearance operations were undertaken from both sides of the pass by Project Beacon and Vijayak, located in J&K and Ladakh, respectively," a statement by the Defence Ministry said.

NIMAS team sets record by cycling 5,374 km in 6 nations

A team of four officers posted at the National Institute of Mountaineering and Adventure Sports (NIMAS) at Dirang in Arunachal Pradesh created a national record in cycling by covering 5,374 km in 37 days across six Southeast Asian nations "The team commenced the expedition from Hanoi in Vietnam and culminated it at the Indian National Army (INA) Memorial in Singapore. It was carried out in extreme weather conditions where the team members cycled on an average of 9-10 hours a day," a Defence Ministry statement said. Minister of State for Defence Ajay Bhatt flagged-in the team on Wednesday.

Man from Gujarat posing as PMO official held in Srinagar

A Gujarati man, who posed as Additional Director, Strategy and Campaigns, at the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) in New Delhi, was arrested in Srinagar and sent to judicial custody on Thursday, by a local court. "The matter is being investigated," a police officer told *The Hindu*. Identified as Kiran Patel, the police are investigating "criminal intention to indulge in activities in Srinagar and other parts of the Kashmir Valley, by employing a high degree of forged means". Preliminary police investigation suggested that Mr. Patel "impersonated as a senior government official of India".

Navy deploys P-8I for drills with U.S. Navy in Guam

A P-8I aircraft of the Indian Navy is taking part in the third edition of the coordinated multilateral Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW) exercise for Long Range ASW aircraft, conducted by the U.S. Navy in Guam. "The exercise would stress on coordinated anti-submarine warfare amongst the participating countries. The complexity and scope of these exercises has increased steadily over the past years to include advanced ASW drills," the Navy said in a statement. It would witness representation by an Indian Navy P8I, along with P8A of the U.S. Navy, P1 from the Japanese Maritime Self Defence Force, CP-140 from the Royal Canadian Air Force and P3C from the Republic of Korea.

India reports over 700 COVID cases in one day

Health Ministry directs six States, which have the highest levels of infection, to assess the situation at a micro level and adopt a strategy of proactive testing, treating and vaccination; India reported over 2,000 new cases in the week ending March 8, which rose to 3,264 in the week ending March 15

Maitri Porecha
NEW DELHI

The rising number of COVID-19 cases over the past few weeks has led India to raise its guard against the virus, once again. On Thursday, India reported 754 new cases in the 24-hour period to 8 a.m., the highest fresh caseload in four months. The total number of active cases now stands at 4,623.

The INSACOG lab, which monitors the genomic sequencing of the COVID virus, has sequenced the samples emerging from new cases and identified XBB.1.16, a fast spreading variant belonging to the XBB.1 family. "Between January 1 and March 14, 40 genome sequences of XBB.1.16 have been reported from Maharashtra," the INSACOG said.

India reported 2,082 new cases in the week ending March 8, which rose to 3,264 cases in the week ending March 15.

Localised spread

On Thursday, the Union Health Ministry wrote to six States – Maharashtra, Gujarat, Telangana, Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Karnataka – where an uptick of COVID-19 cases has been observed.

"There are a few States which are reporting higher number of cases, indicating a possible localised spread of infection and there is a need to follow a risk assessment-based approach to prevent and contain the infection, without losing the gains made so far in the fight against the pandemic," Health Secretary Rajesh Bhushan said in the letter.

The situation is most serious in Karnataka and Kerala, with the States recording a positivity rate of 2.77% and 2.64%, respectively, far higher than India's average positivity rate of 0.61%.

Karnataka has reported an increase in new weekly cases from 493 in the week ending March 8 to 604 a week later. Cases in Kerala rose from 434 to 579 during the same period. The overall death toll has reached 5,30,790, with one death reported in Karnataka on Thursday.

Maharashtra reported an increase in number of cases from 355 in the week ending March 8 to 668 a week later, by which time the positivity rate had hit 1.92%.

In Gujarat, most cases are concentrated in Ahmedabad and Vadodara. The State reported an increase in new weekly cases from 105 in the first week of March to 279 in the second week. At least 26 genome sequences from samples in Gujarat were identified as the XBB.1.16 variant.

In Telangana, most cases have been reported from Hyderabad district, the letter said.

Proactive testing

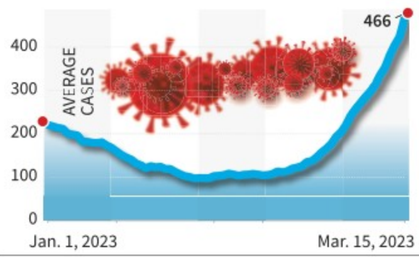
The Union Health Ministry has instructed the States to examine the COVID-19 situation at a micro level – from a district and sub-district perspective – and adopt a strategy of testing, tracking, treating and vaccination.

The strategy should include adequate and proactive testing and monitoring of the new and emerging infection clusters, the Ministry said.

All influenza-like illnesses and Severe Acute Respiratory Infection (SARI) cases should be monitored through dedicated fever clinics.

Gradual rise in cases

In March, the number of COVID-19 cases has been increasing gradually in India. The graph shows the seven-day rolling average of cases this year in India



■ The average number of cases, which stood at 193 as of March 1, more than doubled to 466 by mid-March

Testing time: A person getting tested for COVID-19 in Coimbatore. SIVA SARAVANAN S

SC reserves judgment on 2017 verdict on designation of lawyers

Senior advocate Indira Jaising said the government had no role in designating lawyers as senior advocates

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Thursday reserved its judgment on petitions to "fine-tune" a 2017 verdict which laid down guidelines for designation of lawyers as senior advocates.

Constitutional courts bestow 'senior advocate' status to lawyers as a recognition of their distinct ability in or specialised knowledge of law.

Appearing before a Bench led by Justice S.K. Kaul, Additional Solicitor-General K.M. Nataraj, appearing for the Centre, submitted that the six-year-old judgment needed reconsideration.

Senior advocate Indira Jaising, on whose petition the verdict was delivered, objected that the government had no role in designating lawyers as senior advocates.

Besides, the government had, in all these years, never bothered to seek a review of the 2017 verdict.

"The fact is that the Attorney-General had assisted the court earlier. No issue was raised that it is not proper. The Union of India never filed a review petition," the court noted.

On February 16, the top court had said that at this stage, it would only address the issue arising from the 2017 judgment which gave liberty to revisit the guidelines on the basis of experience so far.

The Supreme Court was earlier told that the October 2017 verdict had noted that the guidelines enumerated in it "may not be exhaustive of the matter and may require reconsideration by suitable additions/deletions in the light of the experience to be gained over a period of time".

In May last year, the top court had modified one of its earlier directions and had said that the lawyers be allocated one mark each for a year of practice from 10 to 20 years, while being considered for the designation as senior advocates.

Earlier, the Supreme Court had agreed to consider pleas seeking declaration of the process adopted by some High Courts to confer the 'senior' designation on advocates through the process of secret voting of the full court as "arbitrary and discriminatory".

NIOT to set up green, self-powered desalination plant in Lakshadweep

Jacob Koshy
NEW DELHI

Stepping up from its ongoing initiative of providing potable water on six islands of Lakshadweep using low temperature thermal desalination (LTTD) technology, the Chennai-based National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT) is working at making this process free of emissions.

Currently, the desalination plants, each of which provides at least 1,00,000 litres of potable water every day, are powered by diesel generator sets – there being no other source of power on the islands. The LTTD exploits the difference in temperature (nearly 15 degrees Celsius) in ocean water at the surface and at depths of about 600 feet. This cold water condenses water at the surface, which is warmer but whose pressure has been lowered using vacuum pumps. Such depressurised water can evaporate even at ambient temperatures, this resulting vapour when condensed is free of salts and contaminants and fit to consume.

However, the need for diesel power to reduce the water pressure means that the process is not fossil-fuel free and also consumes diesel, a precious commodity on the islands that has to be shipped from the mainland, critical for powering the electric grid.

Desalination plants, each of which supplies 1,00,000 litres of water every day, are now powered by diesel generator sets. FILE PHOTO

"For the first time in the world, probably, we are setting up a [desalination] plant that will also supply power to the plant," said G.A. Ramadoss, Director, NIOT, Chennai.

Currently, there are five desalination plants in operation on the Lakshadweep islands. Four more were expected to be functioning in the coming months. The proposed self-sustaining plant – the 10th plant – is expected to be ready later this year, he added.

The NIOT, an institute under the aegis of the Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES), has worked for years on harnessing energy from the ocean. However, ocean thermal technology, while plausible for islands, was unlikely to be useful for supplying power onshore. "For such plants to work, we need a large gradient [difference in temperature between the surface and the ocean depths]. In Lakshadweep, these depths can be achieved fairly easily unlike, say, off the coast of Chennai. It will make the power produced this way extremely expensive," M. Ravichandran, Secretary, MoES, told *The Hindu*.

While demonstration plants were funded by the MoES, the existing desalination plants were funded by the Lakshadweep administration. The Ministry provided technical assistance and the plants were commissioned via private industry, Mr. Ravichandran added.

After coffee cup photo, DGCA to serve show-cause notice on pilot

Jagriti Chandra
NEW DELHI

The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) will serve a show-cause notice on a SpiceJet pilot-in-command, seeking a response to a photograph of a coffee cup placed on a start lever inside the cockpit of an aircraft that went viral on social media.

The picture had invited flak from within the pilot fraternity for serious disregard of safety. Though the image did not capture the faces of the pilots involved, and only showed two people holding a *gujiya* (Indian sweet dumpling) and an uncovered coffee cup placed atop a start lever, the airline said it had been able to identify the two pilots and derostered them pending investigation.

The incident happened on the day of Holi on March 8 when *gujiya* is traditionally consumed. The pilots were flying from Delhi to Guwahati on a Boeing 737-NG aircraft. The airline said "appropriate disciplinary action will be taken upon completion of the investigation".

A senior DGCA official said on the condition of anonymity that the pilot-in-command will be issued a show-cause notice.

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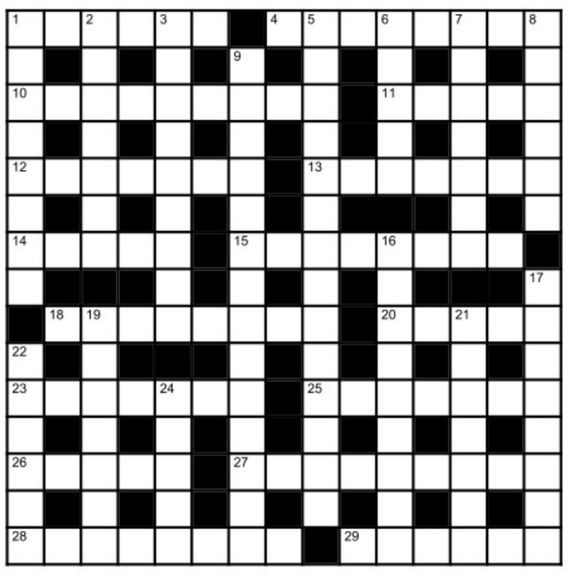

Across

1 On the radio, name a composer (6)
4 Go ahead and exercise - you're fat! (5,3)
10 Meets poor horse, holding a bit of straw (5,4)
11 Wake up, men! Return to work! (5)
12 Slow passage from heart of romantic poet (7)
13 Wear out part of a car (7)
14 Tree in public highway (5)
15 Blasted idiot gave trouble (8)
18 Party dismissing a boorish person creates uproar (8)
20 No time to check old sound system (5)
23 Part of Europe (Britain) mostly flooded (7)
25 Period to relax and lie around? Of course (7)
26 Goddess destroyed ugly Rakshasa, guarding all primarily (5)
27 European shouted about cutting end of poor saw (9)
28 At work, I stop men hiring relatives, say (8)
29 Youth heading off to meet grim, nameless, secretive person (6)

Down

1 Spooner's boss welcomes those providing sole protection (8)
2 Retired criminal going over one wall like a gypsy (7)
3 German city's IT rebelled in the beginning about learning BASIC (9)
5 Polar bear's orthopaedic problem? (6,8)
6 Endlessly harm the poor planet (5)
7 Finally out! Uber's hidden videos can be seen here (7)
8 Would I quit tedious broadcast? (4,2)
9 Surprisingly US and China revered companies that perform below expectations (14)
16 One group of men who saw a miracle - not made-up (9)
17 Bullfighter raced on rough road (8)
19 Look at brief information about rupee supply coming down (7)
21 Hesitation to accept extremely loose jacket (7)
22 Impulsive son, say, consuming dates with energy (6)
24 Unfit during a drill (5)

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Solution to previous puzzle

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

Nuanced retellings

For centuries, the Ramayana has remained a popular epic across all of Southeast Asia and South Asia because it lends itself to nuanced retelling of a simple story in a manner that touches the sensibilities and kindles the devotion of people across diverse cultures. Connected to the beliefs of the people, the epic frequently undergoes regional and temporal modifications, but stays tethered to people's belief and faith. The Lakhman Rekha episode, for example, has percolated to common parlance, but it's not found in Valmiki Ramayana or in Tulsidas' rendering or Kamban's version, Dr. Sudha Sesshayyan said in a discourse. All the epic writers are karya kartas, who have found some reason to pick up nuances from the epic in order to highlight the bigger truths of life. In Valmiki's epic, when Ravana approaches Sita in the guise of a sadhu, she asks him, 'Who are you?" In a fit of anger he reveals his full form and she steps back. He grabs her by her hair, lifts her up and flies away with her. Kamban, however, shows Ravana appearing as a mendicant and when Sita says, "Had you come when my husband was here..." an angry Ravana retorts, "That man?" Sita says your words do not match your guise of an aditi, and she steps back. He bends down and lifts the hut, with sod and soil and carries her away. Tulsidas' version says that when Lakshmana left Sita, he asked Agni to watch over her. When Ravana arrives, Agni, realising his intention, quickly transports Sita to her kingdom, substituting a 'Maya Sita' in her place. These narrative variations, which have evolved over time, do not in any way affect the central values of the great epic where the Lord fights evil on Earth to establish the rule of Dharma.

WARSAW

Poland to be first NATO member to give MiG-29 fighter jets to Ukraine

AFP

Polish President Andrzej Duda said that his country plans to give Ukraine around a dozen MiG-29 fighter jets, making it the first NATO member to cede to the Ukraine government's requests. Poland would hand over four of the Soviet-made jets "within the next few days" and the rest that needed servicing would be supplied later. AP

BEIJING

China calls for calm, seeks peace talks between Russia and Ukraine

GETTY IMAGES

China is concerned about an escalation of the war in Ukraine and wants Moscow and Kyiv to hold peace talks, Chinese Foreign Minister Qin Gang told his Ukrainian counterpart Dmytro Kuleba over a phone call. "China hopes that all parties will remain calm and resume peace talks as soon as possible," he said. AP

LONDON

U.K. bans TikTok on government phones over security grounds

REUTERS

British authorities said on Thursday that they are banning the Chinese-owned video-sharing app TikTok from government mobile phones on security grounds, following similar moves by the U.S. and EU. The ban applies with immediate effect to work phones and other devices used by government Ministers and civil servants. AFP

TEL AVIV

Israelis step up protests after PM rejects compromise on reforms

AFP

Israeli protesters pressed ahead on Thursday with demonstrations against a contentious government plan to overhaul the judiciary, pushing back against Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu after he rejected a compromise proposal by the country's President Isaac Herzog that was meant to defuse the crisis. AP

Court upholds non-bailable warrants against Imran Khan

Police told to produce the former PM in court by tomorrow in connection with Toshakhana case; court grants him reprieve till March 20 in the case pertaining to threatening a woman judge

Press Trust of India
ISLAMABAD

A district court judge in Pakistan on Thursday dismissed former Prime Minister Imran Khan's plea to suspend non-bailable arrest warrants against him in the Toshakhana case.

Additional District and Sessions Judge Zafar Iqbal on February 28 issued non-bailable arrest orders against 70-year-old Mr. Khan in the Toshakhana case about the concealment of the proceeds from the sale of state gifts. The judge directed the capital city police to bring him to court by March 18.

Batting for Imran: Supporters of Imran Khan gathered outside his house in Lahore on Thursday. REUTERS

In the crosshairs

Mr. Khan has been in the crosshairs for buying gifts, including an expensive Graff wristwatch he had received as the premier at a discounted price from the state depository called Toshakhana and selling them for profit.

He was disqualified by the Election Commission of Pakistan in October last year for not sharing details of the sales. The election body later filed a complaint with the district court to punish him under criminal laws for selling the gifts he had received as Prime Minister of the country.

Announcing the judgment, Judge Iqbal on Thursday said the warrants could not be suspended on the basis of an undertaking that Mr. Khan would appear on a certain date.

He ordered the police to arrest Mr. Khan and present him on March 18 as arrest warrants against Mr. Khan in the case about threatening a woman judge until March 20.

Mr. Khan, while addressing a public rally, had threatened judge Zeba Chaudhry, resulting in a case against him.

No arrest on Friday

Separately, the Lahore High Court ordered police to suspend its operation to arrest Mr. Khan from Lahore until Friday. The same court on Wednesday had suspended the police operation until Thursday morning.

Earlier, during the morning hearing of the Toshakhana case, the judge said he would halt attempts by the Islamabad police to arrest Mr. Khan if the ousted premier surrendered before the court. He asked the premier to surrender unconditionally before seeking any favour from the court.

China's Communist Party takes more control in overhaul of government

Ananth Krishnan
BEIJING

A plan on reforming government institutions in China released on Thursday has given the ruling Communist Party - and its leader Xi Jinping - even more direct control over key areas of policymaking, from finance and Hong Kong affairs to science and technology.

The reforms will further move decision-making out of the State Council, which comprises government ministries and is headed by the Premier. The power to make policy will now rest with newly set up party committees under the CPC Central Committee, which is headed by Mr. Xi, and leave the government to essentially execute policy.

This is the second major restructuring of the party-state machinery by Mr. Xi, who began a third term as General Secretary in October 2022 and was endorsed by the ceremonial legislature for a third term as state President. The moves have reversed a decades-long effort, going back to the 1980s, to separate party and state, with the aim of building a professional bureaucracy.

Xi Jinping

Mr. Xi has brought back direct party control over the bureaucracy, and in the first round of reforms in 2018, created new central commissions for foreign policy, economic reforms, and other matters, including fighting corruption.

Bunch of committees

The second such plan, released on Thursday, said a Central Commission for Finance will be set up "to strengthen the Central Committee's centralised leadership over financial work" which will be in charge of "top-level planning, coordination, overall advancement of financial stability and development."

Similarly, a Central Commission for Science and Technology will be tasked with "pushing forward the building of a national innovation system and structural scientific and technological reform, studying and deliberating major strategies, plans and policies for the country's sci-tech development."

Also announced was a new Central Committee for Social Work, which was given a broad political mandate of strengthening party work at the "grassroots" as well as "party building work in mixed-ownership and non-public enterprises", which could mean greater party control over the private sector.

The top body in charge of Hong Kong affairs, the Hong Kong and Macao Affairs Office, has also been moved out of the State Council and will report to the Central Committee.

Macron's government rams through pension reform without vote

Agence France-Presse
PARIS

French President Emmanuel Macron's government rammed a controversial pension reform through parliament without a vote on Thursday, risking more turbulence and street protests after a day of high political drama.

The move was an admission the government lacked a majority to pass the legislation to raise the retirement age from 62 to 64 after weeks of demonstrations and strikes.

Trade unions and political analysts had warned beforehand that adopting the legislation without a vote -- by invoking article 49.3 of the Constitution -- risked radicalising opponents and would undercut the law's democratic legitimacy.

Emmanuel Macron

"It's a total failure for the government," far-right leader Marine Le Pen told reporters afterwards.

According to polls two thirds of French people oppose the pension reform.

U.S. releases video of alleged collision of drone and Russian jet

Agence France-Presse
WASHINGTON

The United States on Thursday released a video it said shows an "unsafe" and "unprofessional" intercept by Russian military jets when one struck an American drone, damaging its propeller.

Russia has denied responsibility for the incident, which the U.S. says left its drone uncontrollable and required it to be downed in the Black Sea.

The declassified 42-second video – which the U.S. military says has been edited for length – shows a Su-27 jet bearing down on the propeller-driven MQ-9, releasing streams of fuel as it passes in an apparent effort to harass the drone.

An Su-27 makes another pass, again dumping fuel as it does so.

The video is then interrupted – a cut the U.S. military said lasts for 60 seconds as a result of a Russian jet striking the drone. When the feed returns, part of the drone's propeller is missing.

Defence chiefs' call

U.S. Defence Secretary Lloyd Austin spoke with his Russian counterpart Sergei Shoigu on Wednesday, the Pentagon said, while Moscow's Defence Ministry said General Staff Valery Gerasimov spoke to General Mark Milley, the chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Overcoming a century of difficult ties, Japan and South Korea renew ties at Tokyo summit

Associated Press
TOKYO

Japan and South Korea agreed to resume regular visits between their leaders and take steps to resolve a trade dispute during a highly anticipated summit in Tokyo on Thursday, in what Japan's Prime Minister called a "big step" to rebuild the two nations' security and economic ties as they try to overcome a century of difficult history.

The summit could revise the strategic map of northeast Asia. The two U.S. allies, who have long often been at odds over their history, are seeking to form a united front, driven by shared concerns about a restive North Korea and a more powerful China.

Pyongyang's missiles

Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida and South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol both stressed the importance of improved ties as they opened Thursday's summit, hours after a North Korean missile launch and encounters between Japanese and Chinese vessels in disputed waters.

In his opening remarks, Mr. Kishida said that the meeting will mark the resumption of regular visits between the leaders, which have been on hold for more than a decade. He told a joint news conference that the countries had agreed to resume defence dialogue and vice-ministerial strategic talks, while also restarting a process of trilateral communication among Japan, South Korea and China.

Mr. Yoon said "the ever-escalating threat of North Korea's nuclear missile program poses a huge threat to peace and stability not only in East Asia but also to the (broader) international community."

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INBRIEF

ECB backs big rate increase despite Credit Suisse chaos

The European Central Bank carried through with a large interest rate increase on Thursday, brushing aside predictions it might dial back as U.S. bank collapses and troubles at Credit Suisse feed fears about the impact of higher rates on the global banking system. The ECB raised rates by half a percentage point on Thursday, underlining its determination to fight high inflation. The bank called the banking sector in the 20 countries using euro "resilient," with strong finances. AP

DRL divests 9 dermatology brands to Eris for ₹275 crore

Branded formulations maker Eris Lifesciences said on Thursday it is acquiring nine dermatology brands from pharma major Dr. Reddy's Laboratories (DRL) for ₹275 crore. Dr. Reddy's, without mentioning the number of brands, said certain non-core brands in the dermatology segments are being divested and the trademarks assigned to Eris. The divested portfolio saw sales of ₹60 crore in India, it said, citing IQVIA MAT December 2022 figures.

myTVS picks Oracle Fusion to drive business growth

Automotive aftermarket digital platform myTVS has selected Oracle Fusion Cloud Applications to unify operations and improve business efficiency. "We needed to integrate data across all our brick and mortar stores and digital platforms to improve real-time insights, optimise business processes, and reduce costs," said G. Srinivasa Raghavan, MD, myTVS. With quarterly update cycles, Oracle Fusion Applications said it gives customers access to continuous innovation.

Credit Suisse's $54 bn lifeline gives global banks tentative relief

Swiss central bank said it would provide liquidity to the embattled lender against sufficient collateral; move helps briefly lift Europe's banking index

Reuters

Credit Suisse sought to shore up liquidity and restore investor confidence on Thursday by borrowing up to $54 billion from Switzerland's central bank, after a stock slump fanned fears of a global banking crisis.

Credit Suisse briefly bounced from a 25% fall on Wednesday after its statement but then faded and last traded 20% higher.

Europe's banking index initially rose, but was down 0.3% by 1306 GMT, after days of heavy losses on investor fears over potential bank stresses across the world, which have also prompted calls for action by firms in other sectors.

Credit Suisse is the first major bank to be thrown an emergency lifeline since the 2008 financial crisis and its troubles have raised serious doubts over whether central banks will be able to sustain aggressive interest rate hikes.

However, the European Central Bank (ECB) raised interest rates by 50 basis points on Thursday, underscoring the resilience of the euro area banking sector while assuring it had plenty of tools to offer liquidity support if needed.

Policymakers have stressed that the situation now is different to the global financial crisis as banks are better capitalised.

Allianz one of Europe's biggest financial firms, said that authorities were "well equipped" to deal with any liquidity crisis, "unlike what happened during" the global financial crisis of 2007 and 2008.

Switzerland's second-largest bank said it would exercise an option to borrow up to 50 billion Swiss francs ($54 billion) from the Swiss National Bank, which confirmed it would provide liquidity to Credit Suisse against collateral.

The move followed assurances from Swiss authorities on Wednesday that Credit Suisse met "the capital and liquidity requirements imposed on systemically important banks".

Chief Executive Ulrich Koerner told Credit Suisse staff in a memo they should focus on facts as he pledged to rapidly move forward with a plan to streamline operations.

Analysts said that the measures will buy Credit Suisse time to carry out its planned restructuring, although there could well be further moves to pare back the Swiss lender.

'Further restructuring'

"We would not exclude the possibility of further restructuring statements from management designed to further simplify the bank," Thomas Hallett at KBW said in a note.

The 167-year-old bank's problems have shifted the focus for investors and regulators from the U.S. to Europe, where Credit Suisse led a bank share sell-off after its largest investor said it could not provide more funds due to regulatory constraints.

The concerns about Credit Suisse added to broader fears sparked by last week's collapse of Silicon Valley Bank and Signature Bank in the U.S.

Emergency lifeline

Switzerland's second-largest bank said it would borrow up to 50 billion francs from the Swiss National Bank

- Credit Suisse shares briefly rebounded smartly from Wednesday's 25% fall but gave up some gains and last traded 20% higher
- Lender is first major bank to be thrown a lifeline since 2008 financial crisis
- Analysts say measures will buy Swiss bank some time but it may need further restructuring

Sensex snaps five-day slide as banks bounce

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Banking stocks rebounded on Thursday lifting benchmark indices as news of a Swiss central bank lifeline to enbattled Credit Suisse calmed investor sentiment towards the sector.

The S&P BSE Sensex snapped a 5-session slump, to close 78.94 points, or 0.14%, higher at 57,634.84 after the S&P BSE Bankex rose 0.30%, to 44,356.71. Six of the 10 stocks on the sectoral index rose, with SBI (1.35%) leading gains.

The NSE Nifty-50 advanced 13.45 points, or 0.08%, to end at 16,985.60.

"Markets reversed the downward trend to end with modest gains as a major rebound in the stock of the troubled financial company Credit Suisse provided some hopes to traders after the Switzerland government stepped into support the financial giant," said Shrikant Chouhan, Head of Equity Research (Retail), Kotak Securities Ltd.

"Indian markets outperformed its Asian peers."

Need margin of safety amid rising global uncertainty, says CEA

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Chief Economic Advisor V. Anantha Nageswaran said global uncertainty has been rising after the recent developments in the United States and governments, businesses and individuals should keep 'margins of safety' in fiscal, corporate and savings account planning.

He said the global growth estimates of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) given in January looks outdated and countries will have to watch what the developments in the U.S. over the last week would do to confidence, bank lending growth and subsequent chain effects.

U.S. bank saga

Two banks in the U.S. have gone belly up over the last week. Speaking at a Crisil India event, Mr. Nageswaran said uncertainty has gone up a few notches in the last week and this is something which countries need to live with, not only this year but for the next year and beyond.

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	THURSDAY	% CHANGE
Sensex	57,635	0.14
US Dollar	82.75	–
Gold	57,450	0.66
Brent oil	73.77	0.10

NIFTY 50

	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	1843.80	4.80
Adani Ports	679.60	0.25
Apollo Hosp	4319.05	-9.75
Asian Paints	2893.25	65.85
Axis Bank	830.55	6.50
Bajaj Auto	3800.20	70.20
Bajaj Finserv	1293.60	11.00
Bajaj Finance	5715.10	-3.65
Bharti Airtel	745.95	-10.70
BPCL	350.90	20.60
Britannia Ind	4311.20	68.10
Cipla	883.45	5.50
Coal India	220.85	0.95
Divis Lab	2801.60	25.80
Dr Reddys Lab	4383.75	-10.75
Eicher Motors	3035.45	28.55
Grasim Ind	1560.45	9.85
HCL Tech	1072.40	-7.25
HDFC	2531.60	2.75
HDFC Bank	1551.90	10.00
HDFC Life	461.40	-5.30
Hero MotoCorp	2370.95	-8.50
Hindalco	384.95	-21.20
Hind Unilever	2459.35	53.25
ICICI Bank	823.90	-2.00
IndusInd Bank	1017.80	-26.55
Infosys	1404.10	-15.55
ITC	381.45	2.05
JSW Steel	662.40	-17.25
Kotak Bank	1663.55	-2.40
L&T	2173.60	-3.05
M&M	1167.05	6.70
Maruti Suzuki	8437.45	-37.50
NestleIndia	18450.65	457.30
NTPC	179.60	1.40
ONGC	152.20	-0.35
PowerGrid Corp	232.15	3.85
Reliance Ind	2225.90	-11.15
SBI Life	1062.65	-4.40
State Bank	524.50	6.95
Sun Pharma	967.40	16.00
TataConsumerProduct	694.00	6.45
Tata Motors	415.70	4.35
Tata Steel	105.05	-3.60
TCS	3185.00	-13.90
Tech Mahindra	1117.75	3.35
Titan	2450.35	51.25
UltraTech Cement	7104.60	3.85
UPL	696.40	-6.05
Wipro	372.85	-2.90

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on March 16

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	82.53	82.85
Euro	87.60	87.94
British Pound	99.40	99.79
Japanese Yen (100)	62.13	62.37
Chinese Yuan	11.96	12.01
Swiss Franc	88.84	89.19
Singapore Dollar	61.26	61.51
Canadian Dollar	60.01	60.25
Malaysian Ringitt	18.33	18.41
Australian Dollar	54.85	55.07

Source:Indian Bank

South Indian retail jewellery market under explored: GJEPC

Lalatendu Mishra
MUMBAI

The South Indian jewellery retail market is still under-explored though it has (according to Frost & Sullivan) crossed the ₹2 lakh-crore mark and now accounts for 40% of the overall Indian jewellery retail business, er the Gem & Jewellery Export Promotion Council (GJEPC) said.

The Council is now focusing on taking South India's 'under-explored' jewellery business to global buyers through trade shows and promotions.

The organised retail share of the South Indian jewellery retail market is more than ₹65,500 crore while the unorganised segment consists of more than two lakh traditional local goldsmiths and jewellers, but international buyers are not quite familiar or sourcing to the extent desired, the Council felt.

GJEPC Chairman Vipul Shah said the Council is taking several steps to develop the business in the Southern region.

Export target

With the GJEPC targeting $75 billion in gem and jewellery exports from the current $40 billion, the importance of Southern India is growing rapidly, he said.

GJEPC is organising an international jewellery show in Bengaluru between March 17 and 20.

Zee Entertainment exits IBC after NCLT nod for IPRS settlement

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Zee Entertainment Enterprises Ltd. (ZEEL) and Indian Performing Rights Society Ltd. (IPRS) have amicably settled all disputes following which an insolvency case against the former has been withdrawn, ZEEL said in a filing with stock exchanges.

"In view of the settlement between the company and IPRS, the insolvency petition... filed by IPRS to the company scheme

petition were disposed of as withdrawn, by the NCLT," the company said in the filing.

In January 2023, IPRS had moved the NCLT claiming a default of ₹211.41 crore by ZEEL.

Govt. names Mohanty as chairperson of PFRDA

The Hindu Bureau
HYDERABAD

The Centre has appointed Deepak Mohanty as chairperson of the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) and Mamta Shankar as whole-time member (economics).

Mr.Mohanty is a former whole-time member of PFRDA. Ms.Shankar, who belongs to IES 1993 batch, was Senior Economic Adviser, Department of Food and Public Distribution.

TCS CEO Gopinathan to quit Sept. 15, veteran Krithivasan to succeed

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) said MD and CEO Rajesh Gopinathan has "decided to step down to pursue other interests".

CEO for the last six years, Mr. Gopinathan will continue till September 15 "to provide transition and support to his successor," the company said.

The board on Thursday named K. Krithivasan, presently President and Global Head of the Banking, Financial Services, and Insurance (BFSI) Business Group, as the CEO-designate. He will go through a transition period with Mr. Gopinathan and will take charge as MD and CEO in the next financial year, the technology services provider said in a statement.

Mr. Krithivasan has been part of the global technology sector for more than 34 years, having joined TCS in 1989.

He holds a Master's degree in Industrial and Management Engineering.

Sport

Real eases past Liverpool; historic first quarters for Napoli

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

Agence France-Presse
MADRID

Karim Benzema struck for Real Madrid to clinch a 1-0 win over Liverpool, 6-2 on aggregate, and qualification for the Champions League quarterfinals on Wednesday.

After the wild last-16 first-leg clash at Anfield in February left Madrid sitting pretty with a three-goal advantage, Liverpool coach Jurgen Klopp said his side only had a one percent chance of turning the tie around.

It stemmed the bleeding at the Santiago Bernabeu but never looked like mounting a stirring comeback of the type it managed against Barcelona in 2019, or AC Milan in the 2005 final.

Ice-cool finish: Osimhen, centre, pokes the ball past Frankfurt goalkeeper Trapp for Napoli's second. AFP

Madrid has now knocked Liverpool out of the Champions League in three consecutive seasons, including beating it in last year's final.

The 14-time record winner showed the nous to keep Liverpool at arm's length, with defenders Eder Militao and Antonio Rudiger determined to shut out the visitors, along with goalkeeper Thibaut Courtois.

Madrid could have significantly stretched its lead, save for a series of superb stops by Liverpool stopper Alisson Becker and some unusually profligate finishing.

Vinicius Junior and Benzema combined for Madrid's winner after 78 minutes, with the former slipping as he tried to shoot, but managing to hook the ball into Benzema's path for a simple tap-in.

Victor Osimhen made sure Napoli reached the quarterfinals for the first time in its history with a brace in Wednesday's 3-0 stroll past Eintracht Frankfurt.

Nigeria striker Osimhen struck either side of half-time to ensure no slip-ups in Naples and help Napoli secure a straightforward, and deserved, 5-0 aggregate win.

Piotr Zielinski added Napoli's third from the penalty spot on a perfect night for southern Italy's biggest club.

The results:

Real Madrid 1 (Benzema 79) bt Liverpool 0 (*Real wins 6-2 on aggregate*); Napoli 3 (Osimhen 45+2, 53, Zielinski 64-pen) bt Eintracht Frankfurt 0 (*Napoli wins 5-0 on aggregate*).

It's Galaticus vs. Treasure Chest in the Hoysala Trophy

RACING

BENGALURU: Galaticus and Treasure Chest may fight out the finish of the Hoysala Trophy (1,200m), the main event of the races to be held here on Friday (March 17). False rails (width about 8m from 1,600m to the winning post) will be in position.

1 KAVERI PLATE (1,200m), rated 00 to 25, 2-30 p.m.: 1. Gunmaster (1) P. Siddaraju 62.5, 2. Lucky Again (12) Indrajeet S 62.5, 3. Mr Humble (3) Trevor 62.5, 4. Way Of Life (9) Tousif 62.5, 5. The Beginning (6) R. Ravi 61.5, 6. Fair Counsel (7) B. Dharshan 60.5, 7. Phoenix Surprise (10) L.A. Rozario 60.5, 8. Country's Jewel (4) Darshan 58.5, 9. Comeonson (2) Rayan 56.5, 10. Perfect Halo (8) Kiran Rai 56, 11. Jai Vikram (11) Jagadeesh 54 and 12. Star Citizen (5) Arshad 53.5.

1. MR HUMBLE,
2. STAR CITIZEN,
3. FAIR COUNSEL

2 HALF A CROWN PLATE (DIV. II), (1,400m), rated 20 to 45, 5-y-o & over, 3-00: 1. Thunderstruck (3) Srinath 60, 2. Sacred Creator (6) Kiran Rai 58.5, 3. Noble Ruler (8) L.A. Rozario 57.5, 4. Princess Jasmine (4) Akshay K 57.5, 5. Able One (7) Jagadeesh 57, 6. Air Blast (5) Arvind K 57, 7. Akasi (1) Vivek 56 and 8. Sekhmet (2) Nazerul 54.5.

1. THUNDERSTRUCK, 2. PRINCESS JASMINE, 3. AKASI

3 VEDAVATI PLATE (DIV. II), (1,200m), rated 40 to 65, 5-y-o & over, 3-30: 1. Elusive Girl (1) Trevor 60, 2. The Inheritor (2) Srinath 56.5, 3. Mystic Eye (5) Akshay K 55, 4. Striking Memory (3) Vinod Shinde 54.5, 5. Chisox (6) Arvind K 53.5, 6. Secretsuperstar (8) Rayan 53.5, 7. Tiger Returns (7) Likith Appu 53.5 and 8. Lauterbrunnen (4) Kiran Rai 52.5.

1. THE INHERITOR,
2. ELUSIVE GIRL, 3. MYSTIC EYE

4 SHIVANASAMUDRA FALLS TROPHY (1,600m), rated 20 to 45, 4-00: 1. Czarevitch (1) Darshan 60, 2. Twilight Tornado (2) S. John 60, 3. Eco Friendly (7) Hasib Alam 58.5, 4. Aquamatic (6) Trevor 56, 5. King Pompous (4) M. Prabhakaran 55, 6. My Vision (3) Rayan 53.5, 7. Firefinch (5) Salman K 51.5 and 8. Sling Shot (8) Vinod Shinde 50.5.

1. AQUAMATIC, 2. MY VISION, 3. TWILIGHT TORNADO

5 HOYSALA TROPHY (1,200m), maiden 3-y-o only, (Terms), 4-30: 1. Northern Quest (4) Rayan 56, 2. Super Sapphire (2) Vinod Shinde 56, 3. Treasure Chest (6) Srinath 56, 4. Galaticus (3) Trevor 54.5, 5. Kallania (1) Zervan 54.5 and 6. Serai (5) L.A. Rozario 54.5.

1. GALATICUS, 2. TREASURE CHEST

6 VEDAVATI PLATE (DIV. I), (1,200m), rated 40 to 65, 5-y-o & over, 5-00: 1. Smithsonian (6) L.A. Rozario 62.5, 2. Whizzo (5) S. John 62, 3. Anakin (3) B. Dharshan 60, 4. Extraordinary (2) Sai Kiran 57, 5. Galactical (4) Trevor 56.5, 6. Golden Vision (1) Srinath 56, 7. Silver Dew (8) Darshan 56 and 8. Starry Wind (7) Rayan 55.5.

1. GALACTICAL,
2. GOLDEN VISION,
3. SMITHSONIAN

7 HALF A CROWN PLATE (Div. I), (1,400m), rated 20 to 45, 5-y-o & over, 5-30: 1. Millbrook (2) S. John 62.5, 2. Augusto (1) Akshay K 61.5, 3. Aherne (6) Darshan 60.5, 4. Osiris (7) Hasib Alam 60, 5. Win My Luv (4) Likith Appu 60, 6. Measure Of Time (3) Rayan 59, 7. Almanach (8) Trevor 57.5 and 8. Aircraft (5) Srinath 56.5.

1. ALMANACH,
2. AUGUSTO,
3. AIRCRAFT

Day's best: **THE INHERITOR**
Double: **MR HUMBLE – AQUAMATIC**
Jkt: 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7; Tr (i): 2, 3 and 4; (ii): 5, 6 and 7.

FLEXIBILITY AND DEPTH

In white-ball format, you'll have to chase or make big scores: Marsh

Australia all-rounder Mitchell Marsh said he was looking forward to the ODI World Cup later this year. "Just the way cricket is played in India in the white-ball format, you'll have to chase or make big scores. The more flexibility and depth you have with your batting line-up, it will be really important," he said.

ADDED RESPONSIBILITY

Pant ruled out of IPL, Warner named Delhi Capitals skipper

Rishabh Pant will miss this year's IPL to continue his recovery from a car crash, with David Warner replacing him as Delhi Capitals skipper, the franchise said on Thursday. Pant suffered multiple injuries in an accident in December. "Warner steps in as skipper for Pant, who is currently undergoing rehab," Delhi said in a statement.

NO PLAY

South Africa-West Indies opening one-dayer washed out by rain

The first ODI between South Africa and West Indies at East London was abandoned without a ball being bowled because of rain on Thursday. The teams didn't even get to have a toss and the game at Buffalo Park was called off around 4.30 p.m. local time, four hours after the scheduled start time.

BIDDING ADIEU

Van Niekerk confirms retirement from international cricket

Dane van Niekerk has confirmed her retirement from international cricket. "I want to thank Cricket South Africa and all other stakeholders for your support. Often the journey can be lonely, painful, and emotional, but I would not change it for anything. I'm grateful for what this game has given me," the former skipper said in a statement.

India and Australia go into preparation mode for ODI WC

Both teams will be missing key players, including the captains — Hardik standing in for Rohit and Smith at the helm instead of Cummins; light showers predicted for Friday evening, thus jeopardising the possibility of a full game

AUSTRALIA IN INDIA

Amol Karhadkar
MUMBAI

The Border-Gavaskar Trophy is done and dusted. The World Test Championship final awaits in June. But for the next week – before many from both camps gel as teammates for the Indian Premier League – the focus will shift to the format that will gain prominence as the year progresses.

The three-match ODI series, starting at the Wankhede Stadium on Friday, will be crucial to the preparation of both camps for the World Cup, to be played in India towards the end of the year.

However, both teams go into the series without some of their key players. In fact, both the regular captains will not feature in Mumbai. While India captain Rohit Sharma will join the squad for the next two ODIs after seeking leave for personal reasons, Pat Cummins has stayed back home after his mother's demise.

As a result, Hardik Pandya will become India's 27th ODI captain, while Steve Smith will continue to fill in for Cummins.

Moreover, India will miss Shreyas Iyer, who has been ruled out of the series due to a recurrence of his back injury. He thus joins pacers Jasprit Bumrah and M. Prasidh Krishna (back surgeries) to be sidelined in the build-up for the World Cup.

Australia, too, is dealing with fitness issues. All-rounder Mitchell Marsh, having recovered from ankle surgery, will not be able to bowl in the series while David Warner's availability for the opener remains uncertain. The veteran is recovering from a fractured elbow suffered during the Test series.

Despite the injury blows, the cricket fans will be hoping for a series even more interesting than the Border-Gavaskar Trophy over the next week. While the Wankhede Stadium has been sold out, more than the hard surface, the weather remains a concern.

With unseasonal rains in most parts of Maharashtra over the last couple of days, the teams trained in overcast conditions. Light showers have been predicted for Friday evening, thus jeopardising the possibility of a full game.

It will be interesting to see if Hardik and head coach Rahul Dravid will factor in the weather while finalising the combination. In Rohit's absence, Ishan Kishan and Shubman Gill will open the innings while Suryakumar Yadav is a certainty in place of Shreyas.

Challenge

Finalising the bowling combination will be a challenge. Another point of speculation is whether all the three spin-bowling all-rounders – Ravindra Jadeja, Axar Patel and Washington Sundar – will be included in the squad at the expense of wrist-spinners Kuldeep Yadav and Yuzvendra Chahal.

Should India opt for two specialist spinners, Shardul Thakur, Umran Malik and Jaydev Unadkat, back in the ODI fold, will be competing for the third pacer's slot alongside Mohammad Shami and Mohammed Siraj.

The teams (from):

India: Hardik Pandya (Capt.), Shubman Gill, Ishan Kishan, Virat Kohli, Suryakumar Yadav, K.L. Rahul (wk), Ravindra Jadeja, Yuzvendra Chahal, Shardul Thakur, Mohammad Shami, Mohammed Siraj, Kuldeep Yadav, Axar Patel, Umran Malik, Jaydev Unadkat and Washington Sundar.

Australia: Steve Smith (Capt.), David Warner, Travis Head, Marnus Labuschagne, Mitchell Marsh, Glenn Maxwell, Sean Abbott,Alex Carey (wk), Cameron Green, Ashton Agar, Marcus Stoinis, Josh Inglis, Jhye Richardson, Mitchell Starc and Adam Zampa.

Match starts at 1.30 p.m.

On a high: Kohli is in good form and will be champing at the bit to get into action. EMMANUAL YOGINI

If I want to play Test cricket, I'll go through the grind and earn my spot, says Hardik

Amol Karhadkar
MUMBAI

Hardik Pandya's love-affair with Wankhede Stadium – the venue where he first came to the fore in a Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy game before it became his alma mater in the IPL – will continue on Friday, with the ace all-rounder set to lead India in an ODI for the first time.

On the possibility of playing in the WTC final, Hardik said, "I am ethically a very strong person. I haven't done 10% to reach there. I am not even a part of 1%, so me coming there and taking someone's place will ethically not go well," said Hardik, who last played a Test in August 2018.

"If I want to play Test cricket, I'll go through the grind and earn my spot. Hence, for that reason I will not be available for the WTC final or future Test series until I don't feel that I have earned my spot."

The start of the World Cup preparation has been marred by injuries – Shreyas Iyer, Jasprit Bumrah's back issues along with Rishabh Pant's accident.

"No timeline, we have to hope for the best to wish him speedy recovery. I have been in that situation where back could be a problem... we will miss him but we have to find solutions if he isn't around. There is a lot of time to think about how we can go forward," Hardik said about Shreyas' fitness.

Hardik also stressed that India has learnt to cope with Bumrah's absence. "Having Jassi makes a massive difference, but to be very honest, we aren't much bothered because the guys who have taken his role, I am quite confident they'll be doing very well."

New role: Hardik is all set to lead India in an ODI for the first time. EMMANUAL YOGINI

India-Australia H2H in ODIs

	Matches	India	Australia	NR
Overall	143	53	80	10
In India	64	29	30	5

THE SCHEDULE

First ODI: March 17, Mumbai | **Second ODI:** March 19, Visakhapatnam
Third ODI: March 22, Chennai *All matches start at 1.30 p.m.*

Something Kohli said stuck with me: Kanika

P.K. Ajith Kumar
MUMBAI

RCB had shown, in its previous five matches at the Women's Premier League, that it was capable of snatching a defeat from every situation. On Wednesday, when it slumped to 60 for four, chasing a target of 136, a sixth loss on the trot loomed large.

But, Kanika Ahuja was determined to take her team to victory. Her 30-ball 46 ended RCB's losing streak. "I just wanted to win the match for RCB," said the 20-year-old. "The target wasn't big, so I could wait for the loose balls."

The left-hander seemed inspired by Virat Kohli's words. "Something he said stuck to my mind," she said. "While on the ground, we should not see it as pressure but as pleasure. Not a lot of people get to do that," Kohli had said.

She dedicated her knock to her mother. "My mother supported me though it may initially have been only to stop me from flying kites on the terrace all day," she said.

Giants ambush Capitals in a low-scoring thriller, remain in the hunt for playoffs

WPL

P.K. Ajith Kumar
MUMBAI

The scores of 200 and above are increasingly becoming a distant memory at the Women's Premier League. But the fans – or the bowlers – are not complaining.

The Brabourne Stadium on Thursday night witnessed one of the most exciting matches of the tournament as Gujarat Giants registered a much-needed victory over Delhi Capitals. Sneh Rana's side won the low-scoring encounter by 11 runs.

It was only the second defeat for Capitals, which has looked second best only to Mumbai Indians. It looked like Capitals would pull off a memorable win when Arundhati Reddy (25, 17b, 4x4) played a cameo down the order; and it was her first innings in the competition.

Fading away

Capitals' hopes had faded when Marizanne Kapp (36, 29b, 4x4, 1x6) was run out in the 14th over. When Radha Yadav fell for one, the score read 100 for eight. However, Shikha Pandey gave solid support to Arundhati, the two adding 35 for the ninth wicket.

Vital strike

But Kim Garth removed Arundhati with the final delivery of the 18th over. The batter could not time her shot over the infield on the off-side and ended up giving a catch to Sneh.

Ashleigh Gardner dismissed Poonam Yadav to cap a fine night. She had earlier added 81 for the third wicket with Laura Wolvaardt (57, 45b, 6x4, 1x6).

Shifting gears

After being 54 for two at the halfway stage, Gardner (51 not out, 33b, 9x4) accelerated at the right time.

The architect: Wolvaardt's innings set up Giants' win. EMMANUAL YOGINI

SCOREBOARD

GUJARAT GIANTS
Sophia Dunkley c Jonassen b Kapp 4 *(6b)*, Laura Wolvaardt b Arundhati 57 *(45b, 6x4, 1x6)*, Harleen Deol c Taniya b Jonassen 31 *(33b, 4x4)*, Ashleigh Gardner (not out) 51 *(33b, 9x4)*, D. Hemalatha c Poonam b Jonassen 1 *(3b)*; Extras (lb-2, w-1) 3; Total (for four wtks. in 20 overs): 147.

FALL OF WICKETS
1-4 (Dunkley, 0.6 over), 2-53 (Harleen, 9.5), 3-134 (Wolvaardt, 18.4), 4-147 (Hemalatha, 19.6).

DELHI CAPITALS BOWLING
Kapp 4-0-24-1, Radha 3-0-23-0, Capsey 1-0-7-0, Shikha 3-0-21-0, Jonassen 4-0-38-2, Poonam 2-0-7-0, Arundhati 3-0-25-1.

DELHI CAPITALS
Meg Lanning lbw b Sneh 18 *(15b, 3x4)*, Shafali Verma b Tanuja 8 *(7b, 1x6)*, Alice Capsey run out 22 *(11b, 2x4, 2x6)*, Jemimah Rodrigues c Sushma b Garth 1 *(4b)*, Marizanne Kapp run out 36 *(29b, 4x4, 1x6)*, Jess Jonassen c Gardner b Harleen 4 *(10b)*, Taniya Bhatia b Gardner 1 *(4b)*, Arundhati Reddy c Sneh b Garth 25 *(17b, 4x4)*, Radha Yadav c Sushma b Tanuja 1 *(3b)*, Shikha Pandey (not out) 8 *(9b)*, Poonam Yadav c Hemalatha b Gardner 0 *(3b)*; Extras (w-12): 12; Total (in 18.4 overs): 136.

FALL OF WICKETS
1-10 (Shafali, 1.5), 2-48 (Lanning, 5.2), 3-50 (Capsey, 5.5), 4-52 (Jemimah, 6.5), 5-81 (Jonassen, 10.6), 6-97 (Taniya, 13.2), 7-97 (Kapp, 13.4), 8-100 (Radha, 14.3), 9-135 (Arundhati, 17.6).

GUJARAT GIANTS BOWLING
Garth 4-0-18-2, Tanuja 4-0-29-2, Gardner 3.4-0-19-2, Sneh 3-0-27-1, Mansi 1-0-16-0, Harleen 3-0-27-1.

Toss: Capitals; **PoM:** Gardner.
Gujarat Giants won by 11 runs. Friday is a rest day.

Earlier, put in to bat, Giants had begun disastrously, losing Sophia Dunkley to the final ball of the first over.

She hit Kapp, who had taken five wickets when the two sides met last, to Jess Jonassen at mid-on.

Wolvaardt and the in-form Harleen Deol (31, 33b, 4x4) put on 49 for the second wicket, but not at a rate Giants would have liked.

That, however, did not matter.

Arundhati's cameo nearly pulls it off for Capitals before she falls to Garth

Treesa and Gayatri keep the Indian hopes alive

In sync: Gayatri and Treesa celebrate a point in their second round match. TWITTER/YONEXALLENGLAND

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The Indian women's doubles pair of Treesa Jolly and Gayatri Gopichand scripted a stunning 21-14, 24-22 win over Yuki Fukushima and Sayaka Hirota of Japan to enter the quarterfinals of the All England Championships on Thursday.

In the men's section Lakshya Sen, H.S. Prannoy and K. Srikanth bowed out from the singles competition, while Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty put up a gallant fight before exiting in the doubles second round.

The results: Men: Second round: Anders Antonsen (Den) bt Lakshya Sen 21-13, 21-15; Kodai Naraoka (Jpn) bt K. Srikanth 21-17, 21-15; Anthony Ginting (Ina) bt H.S.Prannoy 22-20, 15-21, 21-17.

Doubles: Second round: Liang Wei Keng & Wang Chang (Chn) bt Satwiksairaj Rankireddy & Chirag Shetty 10-21, 21-17, 21-19. **First round:** Ren Xiang Yu & Tan Qiang (Chn) bt M.R. Arjun & Dhruv Kapila 21-16, 21-15.

Women: Doubles: Second round: Treesa Jolly & Gayatri Gopichand bt Yuki Fukushima & Sayaka Hirota (Jpn) 21-14, 24-22.

First round: Ha Na Baek & So Hee Lee (Kor) bt K. Ashwini Bhat & Shikha Gautam 21-9, 21-8.

INBRIEF

Gianni Infantino re-elected FIFA president until 2027

Gianni Infantino has been re-elected president of FIFA until 2027 after standing unopposed at the congress of world football's governing body on Thursday. The 52-year-old Swiss lawyer, who succeeded the disgraced Sepp Blatter in 2016, was waved in for a third term by acclamation, just as he was four years ago, by delegates from the 211 member federations. "I love you all," Infantino told delegates in the Rwandan capital, where the voting system did not register the number of dissident voices.

TN's Tamilarasu takes men's 200m gold crown

Tamilarasu (Bharathiar) bagged the men's 200m gold in the All-India inter-university athletics meet, organised by Tamil Nadu Physical Education and Sports University, here on Thursday.

The results: Men: 200m: Tamilarasu (Bharathiar) 21.24; **Half marathon:** Arun Rathod (Punyashlok) 1:07.02; **300m steelpechase:** Bhandare Subham (Savithri Phule) 8:47.33; **800m:** Satyadev (Maharishi Dayanand) 1:48.11; **4x100m relay:** Madras 40.63; **4x400m relay:** Calicut 3:11.16. **Women: 200m:** Himanshi Malik (Maharishi Dayanand) 23.59s; **Half marathon:** Kevate Reshama (Shivaji) 1:18.14; **800m:** Gug Kumar (Punjab) 2:03.84; **4x100m relay:** Madras 46.43s; **4x400m relay:** Calicut 3:42.72; **3000m steeplechase:** Shaili Dhama (Punjabi) 10:27.87s; **Discus:** Mukesh Kumari (Bhupal Noble) 51.22m; **High jump:** N.K. Varsha (Manonmaniam Sundaranar) 1.71m.

Brighton beats Palace, Brentford sinks Saints

Brighton bolstered its bid to qualify for Europe with a 1-0 win in its Premier League derby against Crystal Palace, while Brentford pushed Southampton deeper into relegation trouble on Wednesday. Seventh-placed Brighton moved level on points with sixth-placed Liverpool, with the Seagulls holding a game in hand. As it stands, sixth place will guarantee qualification for next season's European Conference League. Palace remains three points clear of the relegation zone. Southampton is two points from safety.

The results: Brighton 1 (March 15) bt Crystal Palace 0; Southampton 0 lost to Brentford 2 (Toney 32, Wissa 90+7).

LIVE TELECAST

India vs Australia: 1st ODI, Star Sports 1 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 1.30 p.m.

BWF All-England Open: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 3.30 p.m. onwards.

Bundesliga: Sony Sports Ten 2 (SD & HD) & LIV, 1 a.m. (Saturday).

Premier League: SS Select 1, 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 1.30 a.m. (Saturday).

New Zealand vs Sri Lanka: 2nd Test, day 2, Prime Video, 3.30 a.m. (Saturday).

Nikhat begins her campaign with a convincing win over Anakhanim

The CWG champion headlines a fruitful opening day for the Indian pugilists; world youth champion Sakshi overcomes Colombia's Jose Henao

BOXING WORLDS

Y.B. Sarangi
NEW DELHI

Nikhat Zareen, the world champion in 52kg, began her campaign in style in the 50kg weight class by recording a convincing victory over Azerbaijan's Anakhanim Ismayilova in the first round of the World women's boxing championships at the K.D. Jadhav Indoor Hall here on Thursday.

Nikhat, unseeded in the new weight despite being a Commonwealth Games champion, headlined a fruitful outing for the Indian boxers on the opening day.

Three other home boxers, two-time World youth champion Sakshi Chaudhary (52kg), Asian bronze medallist Preeti (54kg) and National champion Nupur Sheoran (+81kg), also won comfortably.

Red hot: Nikhat proved difficult to handle for Anakhanim and the referee had to stop the contest in Round 2. SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

Nikhat landed accurate punches to outsmart southpaw Anakhanim. Two standing counts in the first round and another in the second for Anakhanim prompted the referee to stop the contest in the second round.

Sakshi defeated Colombia's Maria Jose Henao 5-0. The taller Sakshi had no problems in breaching her opponent's defence and delivering punches regularly.

Preeti displayed her impressive attacking game to beat Hungarian Hanna Lakotar with the referee stopping the contest in Round 2.

Kosovo boxer Donetja Sadiku, a 2022 Worlds bronze medallist, has expressed her disappointment at being denied the "right to represent my country" in the World women's championships.

It is learnt that Donetja, who was denied visa for the 2018 World championships here, got a different visa than what she had desired for but declined the opportunity.

Kosovo's president Vjosa Osmani has urged the Indian Government to reconsider its decision.

Important results:

50kg: Nikhat Zareen bt Anakhanim Ismayilova (Aze) RSC-R2; Mungunsaran Balsan (Mgl) bt Rabia Topuz (Tur) 5-0;

52kg: Sakshi Chaudhary bt Maria Jose Henao (Col) 5-0; Wu Yu (Chn) bt Antonia Giannakopoulou (Gre) 5-0; Anjani Teli (Nep) bt Miguelina Hernandez (Dom) 4-3; Feruza Kazakova (Uzb) bt Joohyung Jung (Kor) 5-0; Yulia Apanasovich (Blr) bt Alexandra Gheorghe (Rou) 4-1, Suraci Monique (Aus) bt Anna Adema (Rus) 4-3;

54kg: Preeti bt Hanna Lakotar (Hun) RSC-R2; Amina Martha Faki (Ken) bt Johana Landaeta (Ven) 4-1;

57kg: Rahimi Tina (Aus) bt Malkhliyo Khabibullaeva (Uzb) 5-0; Nechita Claudia (Rou) bt Jennifer Carrillo (Mex) 5-0; Delphine Mancini (Fra) bt Ekaterina Sycheva (Arm) 4-0

+81kg: Lee-Lo Celine (NZ) bt Angel Eyed George (TTO) 5-0; Nupur Sheoran bt Abiola Jackman (Guy) 5-0; Jessica Bagley (Aus) bt Mihriban Gneri (Tur) 4-1.

Russian, New Zealand boxers a relieved lot

Y.B. Sarangi
NEW DELHI

It was a sense of relief for athletes of some countries to be able to overcome the odds and compete in the World women's boxing championships.

It was a matter of pride for Russian and Belarusian boxers to fight under their own flags, despite their countries' involvement in the Ukraine war, after missing the previous edition in Istanbul. For the New Zealanders it was a welcome change to take to the ring after days of uncertainties.

Even as several countries boycotted the event due to the International Boxing Association's decision to allow athletes from Russia and Belarus to take part in their own colours, the boxers and their supporters made light of the distraction.

Making her debut, Russia's Anna Aedma lost her 52kg bout to Australian Suraci Monique in a close fight. But she was teeming with pride about donning her country's colours. "It's the most wonderful emotion for sure. I wanted to compete for my country and am proud that I am a Russian," said Anna, hailing from Altai region.

Back in the ring: Russia's Anna Aedma, right, and Australia's Suraci Monique in action on Thursday. PTI

"Last year we had no opportunity to compete. It is so important for our athletes to take part in the World championships," said Anna.

The New Zealanders leaped over a different obstacle to come here. While Boxing New Zealand did not want to send its team, it allowed its athletes to make the decision.

New Zealand's Lee-Lo Celine, who recorded a win over Trinidadian Angel George Eyed in +81kg class, was delighted to be part of the show-piece event. "It is my first World championship, so the preparation was tough," said Lee-Lo.

Coach Jeffery Elia, who was accompanying Lee-Lo, said, "We are happy to be here. It was our decision to participate here."

Medvedev beats Fokina to reach semifinals

INDIAN WELLS

Agence France-Presse
INDIAN WELLS

Daniil Medvedev's sore right ankle wasn't a factor as he beat Alejandro Davidovich Fokina 6-3, 7-5 on Wednesday to reach the semifinals of the Indian Wells ATP Masters.

Medvedev showed little ill effects from the twisted ankle he suffered in a three-set battle against Alexander Zverev a day earlier as he pushed his ATP match-winning streak to 18 straight. He booked a semifinal clash with 16th-ranked American Tiafoe, who beat 2021 Indian Wells winner Cameron Norrie 6-4, 6-4.

Australian Open champion Sabalenka, still building on her maiden Grand Slam title in Melbourne, overpowered Coco Gauff 6-4, 6-0 to advance in the WTA Masters.

Sabalenka will face 2022 runner-up Maria Sakkari after the seventh-ranked Greek defeated two-time Wimbledon champion Petra Kvitova 4-6, 7-5, 6-1.

Fully fit: Medvedev showed no signs of the injury he sustained in the match against Zverev, as he gave it his all against Fokina. AFP

Medvedev arrived in the California desert riding high after winning titles at Rotterdam, Doha and Dubai in three weeks.

Long a critic of the slow hard courts of the Indian Wells Tennis Garden, he was through to the quarters for the first time after hanging on to beat Zverev despite rolling his ankle.

World No. 2 Sabalenka roared past Gauff 6-4, 6-0, turning the tables on a player who had won three of their four prior encounters.

Sabalenka will face a battle-tested opponent in Sakkari, who has been taken to three sets in all four matches this week.

Tiafoe, who has reached his first Masters 1000 semi without dropping a set, made it clear he's looking further than the final four.

The results (quarterfinals):

Men: Daniil Medvedev bt Alejandro Davidovich Fokina 6-3, 7-5; Frances Tiafoe bt Cameron Norrie 6-4, 6-4.

Women: Maria Sakkari bt Petra Kvitova 4-6, 7-5, 6-1; Aryna Sabalenka bt Coco Gauff 6-4, 6-0.

Siddikur's late birdie-blitz gives him the lead; Rashid best Indian on view

DGC OPEN

Rakesh Rao
NEW DELHI

When you need only 24 putts over 18 holes and birdie all four par-5s during a bogey-free round, a stunning score of seven-under 65 is a natural corollary. Siddikur Rahman did just that on the opening day of the $750,000 DGC Open for a two-stroke lead on Thursday.

A regular on the Indian Tour, the seasoned Bangladeshi sank five birdies over the last seven holes. He overtook Rashid Khan, Justin Quiban (Philippines) and defending champion Nitithorn Thippong (Thailand) – at 67 – with birdies on the last two holes, including a chip-in on the 17th.

S. Chikkarangappa was part of the six-man cluster at 68 while amateur Yuvraj Singh and Om Prakash Chouhan followed a stroke behind. However, it was a heartbreaking finish for Mysuru's Aryan Roopa Anand who signed off with a triple-bogey on the par-4 ninth hole for a 71 on a day when several illustrious names struggled.

Setting the pace: Siddikur Rahman returned a stunning card of seven-under 65 on the opening day. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Rashid, the best Indian on view, started from the 10th and parred all holes before taking the turn. The back-nine brought Rashid to the fore.

He birdied his 10th and 14th holes before sinking a hat-trick of birdies from the 16th for his best card of the season.

Interestingly, Rashid had two birdies each on the par-5s and par-3s after needing 25 putts to cover the distance.

Given the tightness of the course, his average driving distance of 270 metres complemented his flawless putting to put him temporarily in joint lead before Siddikur sped away.

Winner of the 2013 Indian Open, Siddikur produced his familiar best at the DGC where he finished runner-up four times and has nine other top-10 finishes from 16 starts.

"I love the Delhi Golf Club course and I have always enjoyed playing here. So, it was a wonderful day. I'm hitting really well. At the same time, I'm putting well," said Siddikur.

The scores: First round: 65: Siddikur Rahman (Ban); **67:** Rashid Khan, Justin Quiban (Phi), Nitithorn Thippong (Tha); **68:** S. Chikkarangappa, Nirat Chapchai (Tha), Miguel Tabuena (Phi), Varun Chopra (USA), Taichi Kho (Hkg) and Matt Killen (Eng).

Other Indians (with sub-par scores): 69: Yuvraj Singh (A), Om Prakash Chouhan; **70:** Pratap Atwal (A), Veer Ahlawat, Ranjit Singh, **71:** Shaurya Bhattacharya (A), Karandeep Singh Kochhar, Honey Baisoya, Sachin Baisoya, Abhijit Chadha and Aryan Roopa Anand.

Stage set for exciting weekend of racing action

MOTORSPORTS

Sports Bureau
CHENNAI

The 46th South India Rally, the first round of the FMSCI Indian National Rally Championship 2023, promoted by Blueband Sports, gets underway here on Friday with a big field of 63 entries.

The three-day event, organised by the Madras Motor Sports Club which is celebrating its 70th anniversary, will be run concurrently with the second round of the FIA Asia Pacific Rally Championship (Asia Rally Cup) that has 15 entries, including the Toyota Rally team from Thailand.

Reigning National champion from Bengaluru, Karna Kadur, and co-driver Nikhil Pai, who also won last year's Asia Rally Cup round here, will be headline both fields in an Arka Motorsports-prepared Volkswagen Polo.

In focus: Karna Kadur will look to create a storm in both the INRC and Asia Rally Cup. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Gaurav Gill, seven-time National champion and winner of three APRC titles, will have a new co-driver Aniruddha Rangnekar. He will drive an imported Subaru Impreza and will contest only in the Asia Rally Cup.

The APRC field also includes a lone woman driver, Nikeetaa Takkale from Pune, the niece of former APRC Production Cars champion Sanjay Takale, with Venu Ramesh Kumar in the co-driver's seat.

Former National champion, UK-based Amittrajit Ghosh (co-driver Ashwin Naik), returns to the rallying circuit after a season's break. He will race in the INRC as well as the Asia Rally Cup and drive a Mahindra XUV 300. The US-based Dr. Bikku Babu (co-driver Milen George Cherian), better known as 'Doctor Speed', is also making a comeback.

Bopanna & Ebden in semifinals

INDIANS ABROAD

Sports Bureau

Rohan Bopanna and Matthew Ebden beat Canadian stars Felix Auger-Aliassime and Denis Shapovalov 6-4, 7-5 in the $10,143,750 ATP tennis doubles quarterfinals in Indian Wells, USA.

The results: €36,000 Challenger, Szekesfehervar, Hungary: Quarterfinals: Sarp Agabigun & Ergi Kirkin (Tur) bt Aisam-Ul-Haq Qureshi (Pak) & Ramkumar Ramanathan 7-6(4), 6-3; Purav Raja & Divij Sharan bt Rimpei Kawakami 9Jpn) & Aldin Setkic (BIH) 3-6, 6-3, [10-8].

$15,000 ITF men, Kish Island, Iran: Second round: S.D. Prajwal Dev bt Alexander Chepik 6-1, 6-2.

Doubles (quarterfinals): Leonardo Catani & Marco Miceli (Ita) bt S.D. Prajwal Dev & Sai Karteek Reddy 4-6, 7-6(3), [10-8]; Alexandru Dumitru & Dan Tomescu (Rou) bt Ishaque Eqbal & Darrshan Suresh (Mas) 6-4, 6-4; Maxence Broville & Lilian Marmousez (Fra) bt Parth Aggarwal & Shahbaaz Khan 6-4, 7-6(4).

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Tender Notification (e-Procurement mode only)

KPTCL invites bids against enquiry no.: **KPTCL/SEE/TR(M)/BMAZ(N)/EE(O)/AEE-3/22-23/EPR-35/CALL-3 Dt:23.11.2022** for **"Hiring One Tempo Traveler (14+1) seater along with driver for usage by TLM S/d SRS Peenya"** pertaining to BMAZ North Circle, Bengaluru.

The detailed notification regarding the subject tenders can be got by logging **on or after 18.03.2023** to **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** with hyperlink **"e-Procurement-KPTCL"** or to **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Superintending Engineer, Elecl.,Tr(M), BMAZ, North Circle, KPTCL, Office Complex, Ground Floor, A.R. Circle, Bengaluru-09, Phone: 080-22386686/85.

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Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj Engineering Division, Chikkaballapura

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Applications Invited for Tenders subject to Standard Tender document KW – I,II & III Rules.

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Hi Life Ventures Pvt.Ltd., have applied for withdrawal of RERA registration of the project Hi life Horizon.

It is hereby notified to the general public that with reference to RERA No.PRM/KA/RERA/125/446/PR/190724/002722, the project Hi life Horizon, situated at No.12 /1, Seegehalli Village, KR Puram Hobli, Ward No.53, Bengaluru Urban, If anyone aggrieved against this project becoming an allotee, paid advance / booking amount to the Hi life Venture Pvt.Ltd., or in any other manner can inform this RERA Authority about the same **within 15 days** form the date of this paper publication.

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Karnataka Real Estate Regulatory Authority, Bengaluru

Date: 17.03.2023.

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CWC invites online tender from the contractors for the following work:- Laying of VDC flooring in godown no.1 and whitewash in godown no.1,2,3 & 4 at CW Belgaum, Karnataka. **Estimated Cost: Rs. 63,89,214.47 Last date of submission of tender: 23.03.2023.**

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Sd/-Executive Engineer, VJNL, YP Division, No.2,Tumkur. Ph: 08162201844, e-mail: eeypd2tmk@gmail.com

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Office of the Executive Engineer, Public Works Department Division, Haveri

This office letter No.033/PB/Tnd/5054-3054/2022-23/9139/ Dated: 15-03-2023

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On 15-03-2023 through E-Procurement tender notification has been issued for the following Work Indent No. 166507, 166882, 165042-2nd Call, 166835, 166858, 166889, 166850, 165139 & 166444 Last date for submission of tender receipt is assigned on Dated: **23-03-2023** (upto 4:00 PM) & Work Indent No. 163127 Last date for submission of tender receipt is assigned on Dated: **30-03-2023** (upto 4:00 PM). For further additional information, any changes & queries visit https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in.

Sd/- (K.Ramesh)
Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Haveri

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TENDER NOTIFICATION

The Director, Directorate of Municipal Administration, Bengaluru, invites detailed proposals ("the Proposal") from competent consultancy firms/Agency/enterprise for selection of consultancy firms/agencies for Setting up of State Mission Management Unit (SMMU) under Centrally Sponsored AMRUT 2.0 scheme, Indent No. **DMA/2022-23/OW/WORK_INDENT145763/CALL-2** through e-procurement portal on two cover tender system procedure as per rule of KTPP Act. The consultancy services shall be hired based on **Quality-And Cost-Based Selection (QCBS).** Tender documents may be downloaded from government of Karnataka e-procurement **website: https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** Date : **15.03.2023** onwards. Last date for submission of Proposal (online) is **24.03.2023.** Any Change in the tender conditions and calendar of events will be notified through e-procurement portal only and will not be published in any newspapers.

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PERSONAL

CHANGE OF NAME

I, NIKITA Pradeep Kakaraddi, r/O.F.No B 302,Sterling Shalom Apt, Itpl Mn Rd, Kundalahalli Cly, Marathahalli, Blr 37 has changed name of my son from Rishaan Kakaraddi to Rishaan Pradeep Kakaraddi vide affdvt dated 09/03/23

I, POOJA Sindhe. S, R/a 31(118), 16th Crs, Nagasandra Po, Bagalagunte, B'luru-73 have changed my name to Pooja Shindhe. S vide affidavit dt: 16.03.2023 sworn before Notary S.Vijayakumar, B'lore

I, GOWTHAMI Ashwathnarayana Reddy, R/a No.89, 19th J Cross, Kaggadasapura, Sri C V Raman Nagar Post, Bengaluru-560093 have changed my name to Gowthami vide affidavit dt: 16.03.2023 sworn before Notary K.V.Mani, B'luru.

PERSONAL

CHANGE OF NAME

I, PRASANGI Chandra, R/a Main Road, Kummari Palem, Kondapi, Prakasam District 523270, Andhra Pradesh State, today camping at Bengaluru have changed my name to Prasingu Chandra vide affidavit dt: 16.03.2023 sworn before Notary Sivakumara.M.N, B'luru.

I, EKTA Deepak Mishra D/o Deepak Mishra Resident of No.B-602, Salarpuria Splendor, 20 N R Colony Street, N R Colony, Old Airport Road, Opposite Total Mall, Bengaluru-560017 have changed my name from Ekta Deepak Mishra to Ekta Mishra vide affidavit dated 16-03-2023 before Notary A.R.Muneer Ahmed, B'luru.

I Vijayakumar Gopalakrishnan alias Vijayakumar G S/o Gopalakrishnan T A, residing at 603, Hoysala Apartments, Cunningham Crescent, Bengaluru, Karnataka - 560001, have changed my name to Vijayakumar Gopalakrishnan for all purposes in future.

I, SHANTHA Iyyanna, R/a No.170, 19th Main Road, 4th sector, HSR Layout, Bengaluru-560102 have changed my name to Shanthamma vide affidavit dt: 16.03.2023 sworn before Notary K.V.Mani, B'luru.

I, SYED Sameer Abbas, S/o Syed Ahmed Ali, R/a G-4, Arphi Apt, No.2, Leonard Lane, Richmond Town, Bengaluru-560025 have changed my name to Syed Zaheer Abbas vide affidavit dt: 16.03.2023 sworn before Notary B.V.Nagabhushana, B'lore

PERSONAL

CHANGE OF NAME

I, NISHA Deepak Mishra W/o Deepak Mishra, Resident of No.B-602, Salarpuria Splendor, 20 N R Colony Street, N R Colony, Old Airport Road, Opposite Total Mall, Bengaluru-560017 have changed my name from Nisha Deepak Mishra to Nisha Mishra vide affidavit dated 16-03-2023 before Notary A.R.Muneer Ahmed, B'luru.

I, ZOYA Fathima, R/a Tabarak Court, No.2/1, 3rd Floor, 3rd Cross, Matadahalli, Near A.K.Kabir Ashram, R.T.Nagar Post, Bengaluru-560032 have changed my name to Reshma.S vide affidavit dt: 16.03.2023 sworn before Notary N.Nagappa, B'lore

I, NISBA, D/o. Mujibulla, R/a No.26, 1st Cross, Kauser Nagar, Dinnur Main Road, R.T.Nagar Post, Bengaluru-560032 have changed my name to Nisba Fatima vide affidavit dt: 15.03.2023 sworn before Notary Gangaraju.B.N, B'lore

I Sudheesh Aryan alias Sudheesh S S/o Suresh M V, residing at 2-20/9, Shree Bhavan, Kuchhigudde, Shanti Nagar, Kavoor Post, Mangalore, Karnataka - 575015, have changed my name to Sudheesh Aryan for all purposes in future.

I, MUKESH Bhawarlal Jain, S/o Bhawarlal, R/a Blue Bell Apt, Flat #503, No.17, Middle School Road, V.V.Puram, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru -560004 have changed my name to Mukesh Kumar vide affidavit dt: 16.03.2023 sworn before Notary Sivakumara.M.N, B'luru

I, PURURAVANAG Chikkahanumappa Ambrish, S/o Chikkahanumappa Ambrish, R/a Sy.No.32/4, Near MTB School, Garudachar Palya, Bengaluru-560048 have changed my name to Pururav Nag Chikkahanumappa Ambrish vide affidavit dt: 14.03.2023 sworn before Notary Meer Hassan, B'lore

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE 72nd ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE MAYOHALL UNIT AT BANGALORE (CCH- 73)
O. S. NO. 26940/2022

Between
ICICI Bank Limited,
Having its Registered office at Land mark, Race Course Circle, Vadodara - 390 007 and having its Corporate office at ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai - 400 051 and its branch office at Mystree Centre, 4/10, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore - 560 068
Represented by its POA Holder Sri. Pramodh Gurumallappa ...**Plaintiff**

And

Mr. James Paul
...**Defendant**

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT

To,
Mr. James Paul,
S/o. Mr. Manora, Aged about 51 years, No.14, 1st Cross, 1st Floor, Yellamma Temple Road, Ulsoor Post, Bangalore- 560 008

WHEREAS the Plaintiff has instituted above said suit against you for recovery of Rs. **4,53,396/- (Rupees Four Lakh Fifty Three Thousand Three Hundred Ninety Six Only)** together with interest @ 24% p.a., cost of the suit and to grant such other or further order relief. The above mentioned Defendant hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble -72nd-Additional City Civil & Sessions Judge (CCH- 73) in person or through a Counsel who can able to answer the claim made against you on **11.04.2023** at **11.00 a.m.** failing which the suit is heard and disposed ex-parte.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Hon'ble Court on this 23-02-2023.

BY ORDER OF THE HON'BLE COURT
DEPUTY REGISTRAR
CITY CIVIL COURT, MAYOHALL UNIT, BANGALORE

ADVOCATE FOR PLAINTIFF
S A Associates,
No. 10, 7th Cross,
Victoria Layout,
Bangalore-560 047

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF HON'BLE 72nd ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE MAYOHALL AT BENGALURU (CCH 73)
O.S. NO. 25624 OF 2021

Between
M/s. ICICI Bank Limited
Having its branch office at 4/10, Mythree Towers Bommanahalli Hosur Main Road, Bangalore- 560 068
And represented by its Collection Manager
Mr. Pramodh G. ...**Plaintiff**

And

Mr. Sarat Kumar Manahira
...**Defendant**

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT

To,
1. Mr.Sarat Kumar Manahira
S/o. Mr. Purchanra Manahari
No. D-3, No. 58/7, 118/1B
Koushik Residency, 2nd Main
Royal County Layout
Parappana Agrahara
Electronic City Bangalore-560 100

Also at
C 106, Atulya Apartment
Ground Floor, 1RK Township
Yarandahalli Off. Cross Park
Bangalore- 560 105

Whereas the Plaintiff had instituted the above proceedings against you seeking recovery of **Rs. 9,71,250.04/-** as on **18th April 2021** along with interest **24% p.a.** and other consequential relief. are hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble 72nd Addl. City Civil Judge Mayo Hall at Bangalore (CCH-73) in person or by a pleader duly instructed and able to answer all material questions relating to the above proceedings on **19-04-23.** At **11:00 A.M.,** take notice that in default of your appearance on the day mentioned before the suit will be hears and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this Court, this 10th day of March, 2023.

BY ORDER OF THE HON'BLE COURT
Deputy Registrar
City Civil Court Mayo Hall Bengaluru

ADVOCATE FOR PLAINTIFF
ANVAYA LAW ADVOCATES AND CONSULTANTS
First Floor Indian Express Buildings No. 1, Queens Road, Bengaluru- 560 001
Cell No. 9845806822
Vasudevan.hn@anvayalaw.com

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE IV ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE MAYOHALL UNIT AT BANGALORE (CCH-21)
O.S. NO. 26867/2022

Between
ICICI Bank Limited,
Having its Registered office at Landmark, Race Course Circle, Vadodara- 390 007 and having its Corporate office at ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai- 400 051 and its branch office at Mystree Centre, 4/10, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore- 560 068
Represented by its POA Holder Sri. Pramodh Gurumallappa ...**Plaintiff**

And

Mr. Policherla Azakalam
...**Defendant**

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT

To,
Mr. Policherla Azakalam,
S/o. Mr. Hazaratali Policherla, Aged about 31 years, H. No. 8, Vijayamma Building, 3rd Cross, Manjunadha Layout, Marathahalli, Bengaluru-560 037

WHEREAS the Plaintiff has instituted above said suit against you for recovery of **Rs. 9,76,708/- (Rupees Nine Lakh Seventy Six Thousand Seven Hundred Eight Only)** together with interest **@ 24% p.a.,** cost of the suit and to grant such other or further order relief. The above mentioned Defendant hereby summoned to appear before the **Hon'ble IV Additional City Civil & Sessions Judge (CCH-21)** in person or through a Counsel who can able to answer the claim made against you on **30.03.2023** at **11.00 a.m.** failing which the suit is heard and disposed ex-parte.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Hon'ble Court on this 28.02.2023.

BY ORDER OF THE HON'BLE COURT
DEPUTY REGISTRAR,
CITY CIVIL COURT, MAYOHALL UNIT, BANGALORE

ADVOCATE FOR PLAINTIFF
S A Associates,
No. 10, 7th Cross, Victoria Layout, Bangalore- 560 047

LEGAL NOTICE

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-I, AT BENGALURU
4th Floor, Telephone House Building, Raja Bhavan Road, BENGALURU- 560001
IN THE MATTER OF
Case No : O.A. No.414/2021

Between
ICICI Bank Limited
...**Applicant**

And

Sunil Banikol ...**Defendant**

SUMMONS ISSUED TO DEFENDANT UNDER RULE 23 (VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES OF 1993 BY PAPER PUBLICATION

WHEREAS the Applicant has instituted an application under section 19 of Recovery of Debts due to banks and financial Institution Act, 1993 against you for recovery of a sum of **Rs. 37,00,564.37/- (Rupees Thirty-Seven Lakhs Five Hundred Sixty-Four and Thirty-Seven Paise Only)** together with current and future interest, cost and other reliefs.

You are hereby required to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication of this summons or on **15/05/2023** at **11:00 A.M.** in person or by pleader/Advocate duly instructed as to why the reliefs prayed for should not be granted.

Take notice that in case of default the application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal on this **8th day of March, 2023.**

By order of the Tribunal Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal-I, Bengaluru

DEFENDANT:
Mr. Sunil Banikol,
Son of Srimant Banikol
Residing at MG Housing Society, Ghevarchand Nagar, Athani Road, Vijayapura-586101
PAN NO. AOFPB1328D
Ph No. 9663344639

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE, MAYOHALL AT BANGALORE (CCH-20)
O.S. NO. 26342/2019

BETWEEN
M/S ICICI BANK LIMITED
Mittal Tower, M.G.Road, Bangalore-560001
Represented by its officer of Power of Attorney Holder Mr. Promod G, Aged about 46 years, S/o. Mr. Gurumallappa ...PLAINTIFF

AND :

Mrs. B Dhatchayani D/o Johnbditio Samy, Aged about 32 years, 96, 22nd Floor, Prahakar Reddy Building Begur Road, Hongasandra Bangalore-560068 ...DEFENDANT

Summons to Defendant

Whereas, the above named Plaintiff has filed a Civil Suit for Recovery of a sum of **Rs. 2,89,458.86/- (Rupees Two Lakhs Eighty Nine Thousand Four Hundred Fifty Eight and paisa Eighty Six Only)** apart from future interest of 15.49% p.a., in **O.S. No. 26342/2019** and same is pending adjudication in CCH-20, Before Addl. City Civil Court, Mayo Hall, Bengaluru.

You are hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble Court on the **12th Day of June 2023 at 11:00 A.M.** to answer to the same, if failed the suit will be decided in your absence, Ex parte.

Given under my Hand and Seal of the Court this the **08th** day of **March, 2023.**

By order of the court
Deputy Registrar,
City Civil Court, Mayo Hall Bengaluru- 560 005

FX & CO., ADVOCATES,
New No.9, Old No.11/1
Gover Road, Cox Town,
BENGALURU- 560 005.

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF CITY CIVIL JUDGE, MAYO HALL AT BANGALORE
O.S. No. 25318/2022

BETWEEN
M/S ICICI BANK LIMITED
Mittal Tower, M.G. Road, Bangalore- 560001
Represented by its officer of Power of Attorney Holder Mr. Promod G, Aged about 46 years, S/o. Mr. Gurumallappa
...**PLAINTIFF**

AND :

Mr. Pramesh Reddy. K S/o. Mr. Rama Reddy, Aged 41 years, No.21, New No.11, 8th Cross, Bender Nagar, Banashankari 2nd Stage, BANGALORE- 560 070.
...**DEFENDANT**

Summons to Defendant No.1

Whereas, the above named Plaintiff has filed a Civil Suit for Recovery of a sum of **Rs.5,69,329.72/- (Rupees Five Lakhs Sixty Nine Thousand Three Hundred Twenty Nine and Paisa Seven Two Only)** apart from future interest of **9.35% p.a.,** in **O.S. No. 25318/2022** and same is pending adjudication in CCH- 20, Before Addl. City Civil Court, Mayohall, Bengaluru.

You are hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble Court on the 1th Day of June 2023 at 11 A.M. to answer to the same, if failed the suit will be decided in your absence, Exparte.

Given under my Hand and Seal of the Court this 8th day of March 2023.

By Order of the Hon. Court
Deputy Registrar,
City Civil Court, Mayohall, Bangalore- 560 001

PX & CO., ADVOCATES,
New No.9, Old No.11/1
Gover Road, Cox Town,
BENGALURU- 560 005.

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE 72nd ADDL CITY CIVIL JUDGE MAYOHALL UNIT AT BANGALORE (CCH- 73)
O. S. NO. 26921/2022

Between
ICICI Bank Limited,
Having its Registered office at Land mark, Race Course Circle, Vadodara - 390 007 and having its Corporate office at ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai - 400 051 and its branch office at Mystree Centre, 4/10, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore - 560 068
Represented by its POA Holder Sri. Pramodh Gurumallappa ...**Plaintiff**

And

Mr. Rafiq Ahmed
...**Defendant**

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT

To,
Mr. Rafiq Ahmed,
S/o Mr. Shafiq Ahmed,
Aged about 30 years,
Door No. 25/1, 3rd Floor, 9th A Main, 2nd Cross, BTM Layout, 1st Stage,
Bangalore- 560 029

WHEREAS the Plaintiff has instituted above said suit against you for recovery of **Rs. 3,24,750/- (Rupees Three Lakh Twenty Four Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Only)** together with interest @ 24% p.a., cost of the suit and to grant such other or further order relief. The above mentioned Defendant hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble 72nd Additional City Civil & Sessions Judge (CCH- 73) in person or through a Counsel who can able to answer the claim made against you on **11.04.2023** at **11:00 a.m.** failing which the suit is heard and disposed ex-parte.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Hon'ble Court on this **23-02-2023.**

BY ORDER OF THE HON'BLE COURT
DEPUTY REGISTRAR
CITY CIVIL COURT, MAYOHALL UNIT, BANGALORE

ADVOCATE FOR PLAINTIFF
S A Associates,
No. 10, 7th Cross,
Victoria Layout,
Bangalore-560 047

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE 72nd ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL JUDGE MAYO HALL, BANGALORE (CCH 73)
P & SC No. 25013 / 2023

IN THE MATTER OF THE LAST WILL OF Mr. CHELLO NARAINDAS @ CHELLARAM NARAINDAS KRIPLANI (DECEASED)

1. Mr. MANOHAR D. CHATLANI son of Dayaram Tanoomal Chatlani, r/o No.43/9, Promenade Road Layout, 1st Cross, Bangalore - 560 001.

2. Mr. JAG MOHAN LAL MAHESHWARI son of late Sri Nathmal, r/o No.310, Summer Block, 'The Residences', No. 6/1, Benson Cross Road, Benson Town, Bangalore - 560 046.

3. Mr. BAIJU CHELLARAM KIRPALANI son of late Chello Naraindas @ Chellaram Naraindas Kripalani, permanent r/o of Apt. Oasis Mitra T/B, 22-03, RT/RW,001/002, Senen, Jakarta, PUSAT and presently r/o No.11, Nathan Road, No.10-03, Regency Park, Singapore-248732 represented by his sister and duly constituted attorney Mrs.Naina Manohar Chatlani @ Chatlani Naina Manohar, r/o No.43/9, Promenade Road, Coles Park, Frazer Town, Bangalore - 560 005. ...**PETITIONERS**

- Vs-

Nil : ...**RESPONDENT**

Whereas, the Petitioners above named have made a Petition for the grant of Letters of Administration with an authenticated copy of the will dated 13/1/2015 proved abroad annexed thereto executed by the deceased Mr. Chello Naraindas @ Chellaram formerly of No.11, Nathan Road, 10-03, Regency Park, Singapore 248732.

Be it known that no caveat has been entered and that the said petition has been posted for hearing before the 72nd Additional City Civil Judge, Mayo Hall, Bangalore (C.C.H.73) **on 17.04.2023** and all persons claiming to have any interest in the estate of the deceased may come and see the proceedings before the grant of Letters of Administration.

Given under my hand and seal of this court on this 10.03.2023.

By Order of the Court, Deputy Registrar, City Civil Court, Mayo Hall Unit, Bangalore.

Counsel for the Petitioners : **R. Sreedhar & L.S. Mohan Rao,** Advocates
No. 9, 1st Cross, Lavelle Road, Bangalore - 560 001.

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE 72nd ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE MAYOHALL UNIT AT BANGALORE (CCH - 73)
O. S. NO. 26949/2022

Between
ICICI Bank Limited,
Having its Registered office at Landmark, Race Course Circle, Vadodara - 390 007 and having its Corporate office at ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai - 400 051 and its branch office at Mystree Centre, 4/10, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore - 560 068
Represented by its POA Holder Sri. Pramodh Gurumallappa ...**Plaintiff**

And

Mr. Avinash Ebinesan
...**Defendant**

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT

To,
Mr. Avinash Ebinesan,
S/o Mr. Ebinesan,
Aged about 28 years,
No.3, Sri Lakshmi for Gents, Shamanna Lane, Nest Apartment, Murugeshpalya,
Bangalore - 560 017

WHEREAS the Plaintiff has instituted above said suit against you for recovery of Rs. 4,05,963/- (Rupees Four Lakh Five Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty Three Only) together with interest @24% p.a., cost of the suit and to grant such other or further order relief. The above mentioned Defendant hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble 72nd Additional City Civil & Sessions Judge (CCH-73) in person or through a Counsel who can able to answer the claim made against you on -11-04-2023 at 11:00 a.m. failing which the suit is heard and disposed ex-parte.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Hon'ble Court on this 23-02-2023.

BY ORDER OF THE HON'BLE COURT
DEPUTY REGISTRAR
CITY CIVIL COURT, MAYOHALL UNIT, BANGALORE

ADVOCATE FOR PLAINTIFF
S A Associates,
10, 7th Cross,
Victoria Layout,
Bangalore-560 047

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE X ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE AT BENGALURU (CCH-26)
O. S. NO. 7015/2021

Between
M/s ICICI Bank Limited, having its registered office at : Landmark, Race- Course Circle, Vadodara- 390007 having its head office at and Zonal office at : 4/10, Mytree Tower, Bommanahalli, Hosur Main Road, Bengaluru-560068 And also having branch at MG Road, Bengaluru through its Authorised representative Mr. Rohith Ali M. ...**Plaintiff**

And

Mr. Punith Kumar C.J.
...**Defendant**

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION UNDER ORDER V RULE 20 OF CPC

Defendant :
Mr. Punith Kumar C J, S/o. Chinnappa Ignesappa, Aged about 27 Years, Residing at 463, Church Beedi, Begur, Near Saint Ignatius Church, Bengaluru-560068

Whereas the plaintiff above named has instituted the above suit for recovery of money for sum of **Rs.3,78,802.87/-** along with interest at the rate of 15% P.A. against you, and you are summoned to appear before the Addl. City Civil & Sessions Judge at Bengaluru **(C.C.H.26),** in person or by a pleader, on the day of **10-04-2023** at **11:00 AM** to answer the claim, failing to which the suit would be disposed of Ex-Parte.

Given under my hand and seal of the court on this the 6th day of March, 2023 at Bangalore.

By Order of the Court
Assistant Registrar
Hon'ble City Civil Court
Bengaluru

Advocate for Plaintiff
B.S. Jeevan Kumar
Vidhi Partners, Advocates, No. 701, Queens Corner 'A', 3, Queens Road, Bengaluru- 01.

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE AT BENGALURU (CCH-57)
O. S. NO. 1489/2022

Between
ICICI Bank Limited,
Having its Registered office at Landmark, Race Course Circle, Vadodara - 390 007 having its head office at and Branch office off at 4/10, Mytree Tower, Bommanahalli, Hosur Main Road, Bengaluru- 560068 through its Authorised representative Mr. Rohith Ali M.
Gurumallappa ...**Plaintiff**

And

Mr. Yasir Rahman,
...**Defendant**

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION UNDER ORDER V RULE 20 OF CPC

Defendant :
Mr. Yasir Rahman, S/o Salaouddin, Aged about 28 Years, Residing at House No.330, 6th Cross Arekere Gate, Lakshmi Layout, Bannerghatta Road, Bangalore- 560076.

Whereas the plaintiff above named has instituted the above suit for recovery of money for sum of **Rs. 10,56,412.81/-** along with interest at the rate of 15% P.A. against you, and you are summoned to appear before the Addl. City Civil & Sessions Judge at Bengaluru (C.C.H.-57), in person or by a pleader, on the day of **18/04/2023** at **11:00 AM** to answer the claim, failing to which the suit would be disposed of Ex-Parte. Given under my hand and seal of the court on this the 09th day of March 2023 at Bangalore.

By Order of the Court
Assistant Registrar, Hon'ble City Civil Court, Bengaluru

Advocate for Plaintiff
B.S. Jeevan Kumar
Vidhii Partners,
Advocates,
No. 701, Queens Corner 'A', 3, Queens Road, Bengaluru -01.

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE XLIV ADDL. CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE AT BENGALURU (CCH-45)
O.S. No. 281/1999

BETWEEN : Smt. R. Jayamma @ Jaya D/o Late Sri Ramaiah Reddy & W/o Sri M.G. Narayan Since deceased
Represented by her Legal Representatives
1(a) Sri. M.G. Narayan, Aged about 65 years, S/o late M. Govindan,
1(b) Sri. B.N. Vinay Kumar, Aged about 33 years, S/o Sri. M.G. Narayan
Both residing at No. 155, 10th Main Road, JRD TATA Nagar, Kodigehalli, Bangalore - 560 092. ...**PLAINTIFF**

AND : Sri. L. Muni Reddy & Ors.
...**DEFENDANTS**

SUIT SUMMONS TO PROPOSED DEFENDANT No. 18

16. B.N. Jagadish Kumar, S/o Sri. M.G. Narayan, aged about 43 years, R/at. 155, 10th Main Road, J.R.D. Tata Nagar, Kodigehalli, Bengaluru - 560 092.

Whereas the Lr's of the Plaintiff, above named, has instituted an Original Suit No. 281/1999 against Sri. L. Muni Reddy & Others praying that the Hon'ble Court be pleased to pass a judgement and decree for the relief of partition and possession against the defendants as per I.A. No. 40 to implead Proposed Defendant No. 18 and it is pending before the Hon'ble CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE AT BENGALURU (CCH-45). You i.e., **SRI. B.N. Jagadish Kumar,** are hereby summoned to appear before this Hon'ble Court in person or through advocate **on 31st day of March 2023 at 11.00 a.m.** Take note that in default of your appearance on that day the time above mentioned, you shall be placed Ex-parte and the case will be heard and determined in your absence.

**SCHEDULE PROPER

Verstappen starts favourite again, but all eyes on Alonso

The high-speed Jeddah Street Circuit, a thin hair-clip of asphalt squeezed above a lagoon on the corniche, offers a very different challenge

In the limelight: Alonso has played down high expectations, but is hopeful of a good year in his sleek new Aston Martin. REUTERS

SAUDI ARABIAN GP

Agence France-Presse
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Max Verstappen may start as favourite, but Fernando Alonso will have widespread popular support this weekend when this year's Formula One season resumes at the Saudi Arabian Grand Prix.

After his dashing and surprising podium finish behind the two Red Bulls at the season-opening Bahrain GP two weeks ago, the 41-year-old Spaniard has played down high expectations of a repeat in his sleek new Aston Martin.

But he knows that the high-speed Jeddah Street Circuit, a thin hair-clip of asphalt squeezed above a lagoon on the corniche offers a very different challenge to man and machine.

"I think that we found, in Bahrain, that we were strong in things that maybe we won't have in Jeddah, or in Melbourne," he explained. "So, if we are strong again, in these two races, I think we are going to have a very good year."

After his commanding victory in Bahrain, ahead of Red Bull teammate Sergio Perez, defending world champion Verstappen will be the man to beat with Aston Martin, Ferrari and Mercedes in hot pursuit.

Perez will seek to prove he is more than the supporting cast to the Dutchman's starring role on the kind of track that usually suits his style.

Ferrari, under new management and enthused by fresh hope, will also want to make a statement at a circuit where it finished second and third last season, but will start on the back foot with Charles Leclerc taking a 10-place grid penalty for taking a new electronic control unit.

W14 under the lens

After a disappointing, if not desultory, display at the season-opener, Mercedes, similarly, require a much-improved showing to lift morale. Seven-time World champion Lewis Hamilton and George Russell struggled for pace in Bahrain and are likely to suffer a similar fate on Sunday.

If Mercedes slumps again – it won eight successive constructors' titles before Red Bull took the crown last year – it could lead to a radical re-think on its much-criticised W14 car.

BENGALURU ROUND-UP

Dynamic pricing for RCB's home match tickets

Match tickets for Royal Challengers Bangalore's home IPL matches at the M. Chinnaswamy Stadium will be subject to dynamic pricing, RCB announced on Thursday. "The ticket is available at dynamic pricing and will increase based on number of factors such as demand, time gap between booking and the match, teams participating in the match – to name a few," an RCB press release read. Ticket prices, inclusive of taxes, range from ₹2,310 to a whopping ₹42,350. The pricing is marginally lower for RCB's outings against Lucknow Super Giants and Kolkata Knight Riders (₹2,118-₹30,801). RCB returns to its home turf after a gap of three seasons. Tickets are available on *www.royalchallengers.com*. Box office sales will be held at the M. Chinnaswamy Stadium on Saturday.

IBBC gets the better of Beagles

Achintya's 37 points went in vain as IBBC defeated Beagles BC 84-77 in the State 'A' division men's basketball league at Sree Kanteerava Stadium courts here.

The results: Bank of Baroda 114 (Mufeez 26, Clinton 20, Anilkumar 10) bt MNK Rao Park BC 72 (Sanjay 19, Danny 18); ASC 67 (Ravikumar 17, Manikanta 17) bt DYES (Bangalore) 47 (Sethu 10); IBBC 84 (Suresh 28, Yeshwanth 21) bt Beagles BC 77 (Achintya 37, Kushal 20).

Shahan shines again

Shahan Shadab (136 and 3/42) powered Shri Ram Global School past BGS Public School in the BTR Shield under-14 Group I, III Division tournament here.

Earlier in the tournament, Shadab had scored a century and picked up all 10 wickets in the same match.

The scores: Shri Ram Global School 259 in 47.1 overs (Shahan Shadab 136, Monish Gowda 25, C. Abhiram 4/28, Kushal 3/37) bt BGS PS 187 in 30.3 overs (Jayanth Abhiram 28, H. Pritam 48, Shahan Shadab 3/42).

Federal PS 62 in 24 overs (Akilan 3/21) lost to Vydehi School of Excellence 63/1 in 9.2 overs.

St. Joseph's School 216/9 in 50 overs (A.C. Aryan 35, C. Likith 50, Aarav Panjanathan 56, Vishwajeet Jadhav 4/18) bt Sri Sri Ravishankar Vidya Mandir 127 in 43.3 overs (Ruchitaksh Indrekar 27, Naman 25 n.o., Aarav Panjanatan 3/21, Mihrein Abdul 3/26, Vihaan Negi 3/27).

National PS (BSK) 201 in 45.2 overs (Manthan 35, Arnav 35, Roger 4/47) lost to AC School 205/7 in 42.3 overs (Anson 29, Vishal 35, Nesar 26, Trayansh 27 n.o., Vismai 3/36).

The Sports School 295 in 48.3 overs (Rudransh Somvanshi 35, Tansh Krishna 64, Mahill Mehta 33, D.R. Pranav 56, Darsh Binil 4/51) bt Delhi PS (Whitefield) 161 in 33.5 overs (Jairaj Kaushik 32, Yashraj Patijoshi 26, Darsh Binil 32, Krithik Raaj 3/41).

Sudarshan Vidya Mandir 308 in 48.4 overs (S. Samrudh 29, R.H. Hrithvek 115, Harshal Murugan 63 n.o., Vikyath Gowda 4/58) bt DEV-In National School 101 in 18.3 overs (K.C. Samanth 33, Harshal Murugan 5/45, M.D. Darsh 3/15).

VSS International PS 71 in 34 overs (Rishi Anand 3/1) lost to Euro School (Whitefield) 72/1 in 17.4 overs (Ahan Udupi 37 n.o.).

Deva Matha Central School 91 in 40.2 overs (T. Aryan 3/6, Arnav Sharma 3/17) lost to Presidency School (Bangalore North) 92/2 in 27.5 overs (T. Aryan 34 n.o.).

Champion outfit: Chief Minister S.R. Bommai met the Karnataka football team which won the Santosh Trophy. AIFF vice president and KSFA president N.A. Haris and other KSFA officials were also present. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Sapphire CC takes the honours

Sapphire CC defeated Yankees in the final to emerge as the KSCA Group I, V Division league champion at RWF Ground here.

The scores:

Yankees CC 255 in 53 overs (Talha Sheriff 104, Mohammed Azeem 52, Yaseer Nihal 38, K.P. Bipin 7/61) and 176 in 28.5 overs (Yaseer Nihal 48, Mohammed Azeem 59, Abdullah 28, Jayram Bhat 3/36) lost to Sapphire CC 312/8 in 55 overs (Vasanth Kuder 106, K.P. Bipin 51, Yaseer Nihal 3/108, Divyam Khater 4/52) and 121/3 in 24 overs (K.P. Bipin 31 n.o., M. Ravikumar 25, Ankush Bopanna 27 n.o.).

Phantom Strikes Bengaluru on top

Phantom Strikers Bengaluru (2294 pins in 12 games) moved to top position in the Choice 4th Karnataka Open Trios tenpin bowling tournament at Amoeba here on Thursday.

Bowling Bohemians Bengaluru (4586 pins in 24 games), Bengaluru Titans (2237 pins in 12 games) and Delhi Hawks (2205 pins in 12 games) are second, third and fourth respectively.

The highlight of the day came from reigning National champion Naveen Siddam (Telangana), who finished the day with a total pinfall of 823 at an average of 205.75.

The top 16 teams will compete in Round 2 on Friday.

Mubina and Anil make the semifinals

K. Mubina edged out Sheranthi Thamas 9-8 to enter the women's semifinals of the ₹3.5 lakh Tabebuia Open Wheelchair Tennis tournament held at the Padukone Dravid Centre for Sports Excellence here on Thursday.

In a men's quarterfinal, D.A. Anil took out Murugesan Arul 9-4.

Former State footballer Peter passes away

Former Karnataka footballer A. Peter passed away here on Thursday.

Peter, who represented the State in the 1976 Santosh Trophy, also played for ASC and BEML in the club league.

Triumphant: The Sapphire CC squad that won the KSCA Group I, V Division league. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

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